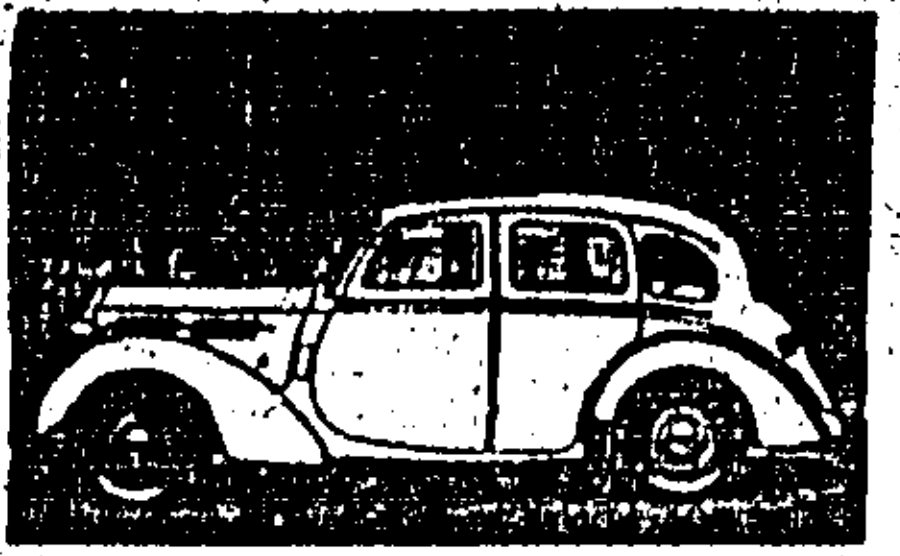


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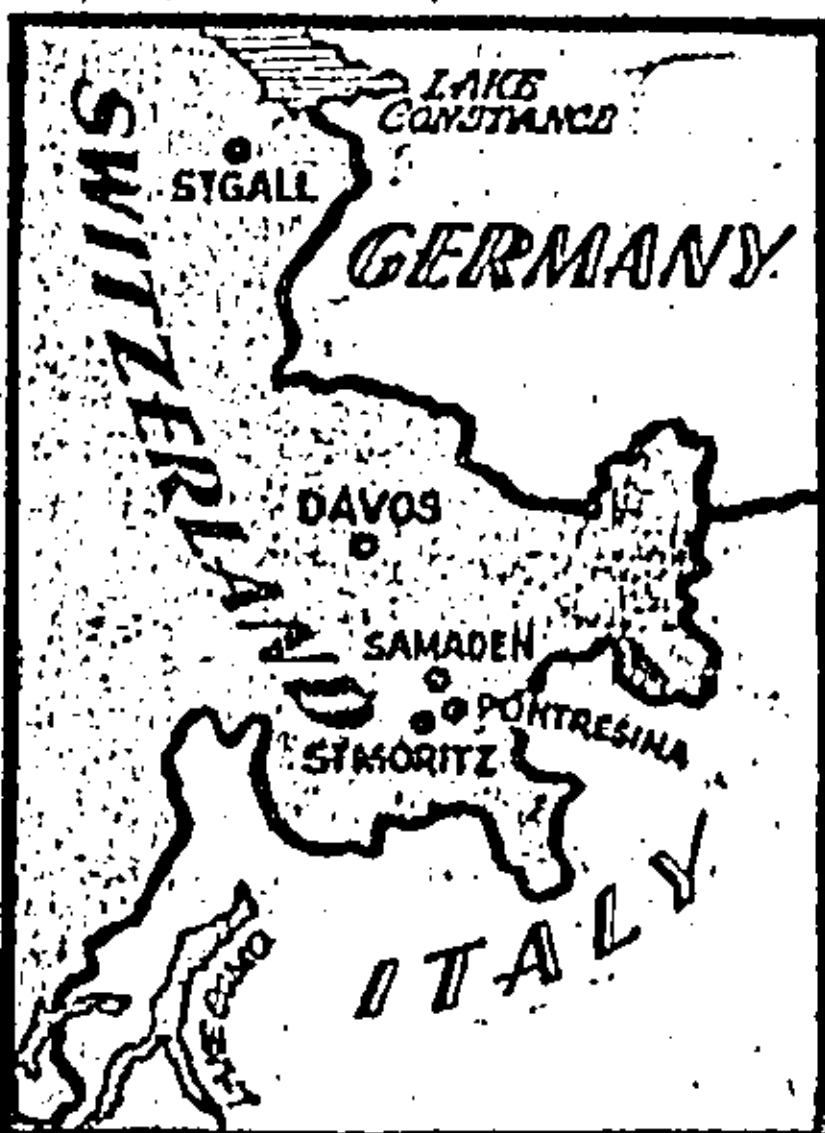
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Slovakia Invaded By Hungarians

FIERCE FIGHTING AS DEFENDERS RESIST



SWITZERLAND, in common with other countries, is busy rearming, and towns which were hitherto known only for their winter sports have now become military centres. This map of Eastern Switzerland shows Pontresina (6,000 feet above sea level) in the Engadine, now officially pronounced to be an alpine station. Nearby, at Samaden, a new military aerodrome has been established, 25 miles from the German frontier, and only 15 from the border of Italy.

Premier's Grave Warning

Britain Will Resist Further Aggression

LONDON, Mar. 23.
IN A STATEMENT on the international situation made in the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister said that the Government had already made it clear that the German Government's recent actions had raised the question of whether Germany was not seeking, by successive efforts, to dominate Europe, and perhaps even to go further.

If this interpretation of German intentions proved correct, the Government felt bound to say that as similar attempts had done in the past, this would arouse the successful resistance of this and other countries who prize their freedom.

"I am not yet able to make a statement on the consultations held with the recent developments. I wish to make it clear that there is no desire on the part of the British Government to stand in the way of any reasonable efforts on the part of Germany to expand her export trade. Nor is this Government anxious to set up in Europe opposing blocs of countries with different ideas about the forms of their internal administration."

"We are solely concerned here with a proposition that we cannot submit to a procedure under which independent States are subjected to such pressure under the threat of force, as to be obliged to yield up their independence. And we are resolved, by all means in our power, to oppose attempts if they should be made, to put such a procedure into operation."—*Reuter*.

CONSCRIPTION SOON?

London, Mar. 23.
It is learned from a reliable source that the object of the talks which the Premier is at present conducting with leaders of the British Labour movement, is to sound Labour opinion on the question of introducing compulsory national service. Mr. Chamberlain is believed to be unwilling to take a step in this direction until he is released from his pledge not to introduce conscription in time of peace.

The opposition has apparently decided to refrain from opposing compulsory national service.

Reports coming in from all parts (Continued on Page 4.)

Bratislava Appeals To Italy, Germany

BERLIN, MAR. 23.
THE SLOVAK GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES THAT HUNGARIAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED PARTS OF EASTERN SLOVAKIA, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE FROM BRATISLAVA.

Reports indicate that the Hungarian incursions into Slovakia are rather more serious and far-reaching than first believed.

A Bratislava report says that a formal note has been sent from Bratislava to Budapest, protesting against violation of Slovak territory, and demanding a satisfactory reply within a few hours.

Information has also been sent to Berlin, but it is not yet known whether German military assistance has been requested.

Slovakian troops are strongly resisting the attacks, and minor engagements are reported to have occurred, with casualties on both sides.

Aeroplane appeared to-day over Pradesov, but no bombs were dropped.—*Reuter*.

REACH SECOND LINE

SLOVAKIAN TROOPS, the Hlinka Militia and bombing planes to-day battled fiercely against Hungarian troops seeking to seize a fifteen mile strip of territory inside Slovakian territory.

The Hungarians are reported to have made this attempt with the consent of Herr Hitler.

The Hungarians crossed the frontier at three points and followed the retiring Slovaks to the second lines of defence, where a strong Slovak counter attack is reported to have repulsed them.

The Slovak Minister of Defence issued a communique saying, "At 2.30 p.m. Slovak defence commanders report that the Hungarian advance has been halted and probably could be held until reinforcements arrive."

The invasion extended 13½ miles to Michalovce and Male.

Military sources said the Hungarians are apparently attempting to reach Eperjes and force their way through to the Polish frontier.

The Slovaks have protested to Italy and Germany in an effort to persuade them to compel the Hungarians to respect their frontier.

The Hungarian invaders used tanks and all types of military units.—*United Press*.

SLOVAK PROTEST

Bratislava, Mar. 23.
The Slovak Government has lodged a sharp verbal protest to Budapest against the Hungarian invasion of Slovakia.

The protest alleges the invasion violates the law of agreements as well as Hungary's recognition of Slovak independence.

The Slovak Government demanded the immediate withdrawal of the Hungarian troops.—*United Press*.

VALID FOR 25 YEARS

Berlin, Mar. 23.
It is revealed that the agreement signed between Germany and Slovakia becomes effective immediately, and will remain valid for 25 years.

Before expiration of that period, both governments will communicate in time regarding prolongation of the treaty.—*Trans-Ocean*.

REICH SLOVAK PACT IS SIGNED

Berlin, Mar. 23.
A German-Slovak Treaty has been signed.

Under the treaty, the Reich takes over the protection of the political independence of the Slovak State, and the integrity of its territory.

What Hitler Saw



THE MOLE at Memel, where huge crowds gathered to greet Herr Hitler yesterday.

MEMEL TO BECOME A POWERFUL FORTRESS

German Battleships Arrive In Harbour

MEMEL, Mar. 23.
IT WAS ANNOUNCED here to-day that Memel is to be made a fortress, with Captain Mollmann of the navy as first Commandant.

The German naval squadrons which arrived in Memel harbour this morning, consists of three battleships, three cruisers, eight destroyers, nine torpedo boats, five convoy ships, and several mine destroyers and mine layers.—*Trans-Ocean*.



A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH of the city of Memel, which German troops have now occupied.

ANTI-DEMOCRACY MILITARY FRONT

BERLIN, Mar. 23.
DIPLOMATS EXPRESSED the belief that in the event of a European Anti-Hitler front being completed, it will provide a good chance for Germany, Italy and Japan to proceed with a military alliance in retaliation.

Nazi sources here disclosed that negotiations in this direction have been proceeding for some time.

It has been learned from a very reliable source that the Anti-Comintern Pact will probably very shortly be converted into a military alliance.—*United Press*.

TOKYO REVIEW

TOKYO, Mar. 23.
In one of the longest night sessions in history the Japanese Cabinet and key Ministers reviewed European and Soviet affairs last night between 8 p.m. and 12.30 a.m.

Japanese sources here regard this as being most significant in view of the Foreign Minister's recent conference with Prince Saloni and also his three-hour conference with the Prime Minister on Tuesday.

To-day no Minister would as much as give a hint regarding the details of the conference.—*United Press*.

NORWEGIANS STAY WITH COLOURS

Oslo, Mar. 23.
Norwegian naval recruits, who would ordinarily have been released from service on April 1, are being retained in the colours for a further two months.—*Reuter*.

GERMAN CLAIMS ON BELGIUM

Brussels, Mar. 23.
Foreign press reports that negotiations are taking place between Belgium and Germany with a view to the retrocession of the region of Eupen-Malmédy to Germany, are authoritatively denied here.

The region in question was taken from Germany and ceded to Belgium under the Treaty of Versailles. Of the 62,000 inhabitants, 52,000 are German-speaking, while the remainder consists of Walloons.

It is also denied that in exchange for retrocession, the German Government has offered a new and definite

"Mein Kampf" Has New Edition

London, Mar. 23.
The first unabridged edition of Herr Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was published to-day by Hurst and Blackett.

The book, which was translated by James Murphy, is sold at 8s. 6d.

An abridged edition of "Mein Kampf" was published in London shortly after Hitler took over power, but had to be withdrawn three years ago at the request of the German publishers.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Trade War In Europe

Reich Gains Big Rumanian Victory

BUCHAREST, Mar. 23.
THE GERMAN-RUMANIAN trade accord was signed at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

In an amazingly wide scope of grants, Germany has been given almost unprecedented concessions. However, it is emphasised that Germany in no way obtains dominant portions of Rumania's economy.

The agreement will run automatically to 1944.

It aims at the adaption of mutual economies and creates free zones in which German shipping companies and storehouses will be organised.

It is intended to comply with Germany's need for imports and the development of Rumania's production.

Despite assertions to the contrary the belief is expressed here that there is no longer any question of Rumania's co-operation with the democracies.

It is believed that Germany will dominate Rumania.—*United Press*.

LONDON'S VIEW

London, Mar. 23.
The German-Rumanian Trade Agreement is interpreted here as placing Rumania politically, militarily, and economically within Germany's orbit, thus losing her independence.—*United Press*.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS

London, Mar. 23.
Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, has announced that Britain has rejected all prospects

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

of achieving the Anglo-German trade agreement in view of the Reich's shattering of European frontiers.

"Political developments of the last few days have created a situation which, while it lasts, makes further progress impossible," he said.

Germany has informed Rumania that all her orders for armaments and munitions placed with the Skoda works in Bohemia before Czechoslovakia was occupied, will be delivered on time.

The orders include ten loads of munitions, due for immediate delivery.—*Reuter*.

WIDE NATURE OF CONCESSIONS

Berlin, Mar. 23.
According to a message from Bucharest, arrangements of the widest

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Threat To A.R.P. Denied No 'Merger' With The Police

AIR-RAID wardens, though police controlled, are not to be merged with the police force.

That was the promise given recently by Sir John Anderson, after a Home Office conference.

Many complaints have been made that the change of control of A.R.P. wardens would seriously affect present organisations. There were also suggestions that police control would tend towards militarisation of A.R.P.

At the conference with representatives of outer London authorities, Sir Philip Game, Commissioner of Police, said that he had agreed to accept the new responsibility only if the air raid wardens' organisation were kept separate from the police.

Sir John Anderson emphasised that it was never contemplated that the existing air raid wardens service should be scrapped, merged with the police, or lose its identity.

In a statement to the "Daily Herald" on the question of police control of wardens, Mr. Herbert Morrison said:

"The proposal was approved by a majority of the Metropolitan Boroughs Standing Joint Committee, which consists of three representatives from each of the Metropolitan Borough Councils. Within that majority was a substantial majority of Labour representatives.

"The question is one of effective administration, and in the light of their experience I gather that most of our people took the view that the police organisation is more suited to the job and would be administratively more effective.

"Moreover, many of the duties of the A.R.P. wardens are not dissimilar from the civil and humanitarian duties of the police.

"When the police take over the warden services, the Police Commissioner will be responsible to the Home Secretary, and the Home Secretary directly responsible to Parliament.

"In the provinces it is quite common for the wardens to be under the direction of the Chief Constable. That greatly impressed those who took this decision."

By 170 votes to 122, London Trades Council has refused co-operation in the Government's voluntary register scheme for civil defence, on the ground of opposition to Government policy.

Napoleon Said It And Our Army Is Doing It Better Than Any Other

ARMY food and Army cooks have improved by leaps and bounds since the war days.

Now, at the request of the War Office, the L.C.C. Higher Education Committee have started a course for army cooks at the Westminster Technical Institute.

Up to 24 men are to take a series of practical lessons covering 12 weeks.

"WEST END" TEST

Their passing-out test will be to cook a dinner equal in flavour and variety to that at a West End hotel, with the difference that it will have to show a minimum of waste.

Successful students will join regiments all over the country.

Work has begun on a £140,000 Army school of cookery at Aldershot.

MARCHES ON ITS STOMACH

A War Office spokesman said: "All this is more than justified by the increased staying-power, health and temper of the men."

"We believe that no country has an army which could outstay the modern British Tommies."

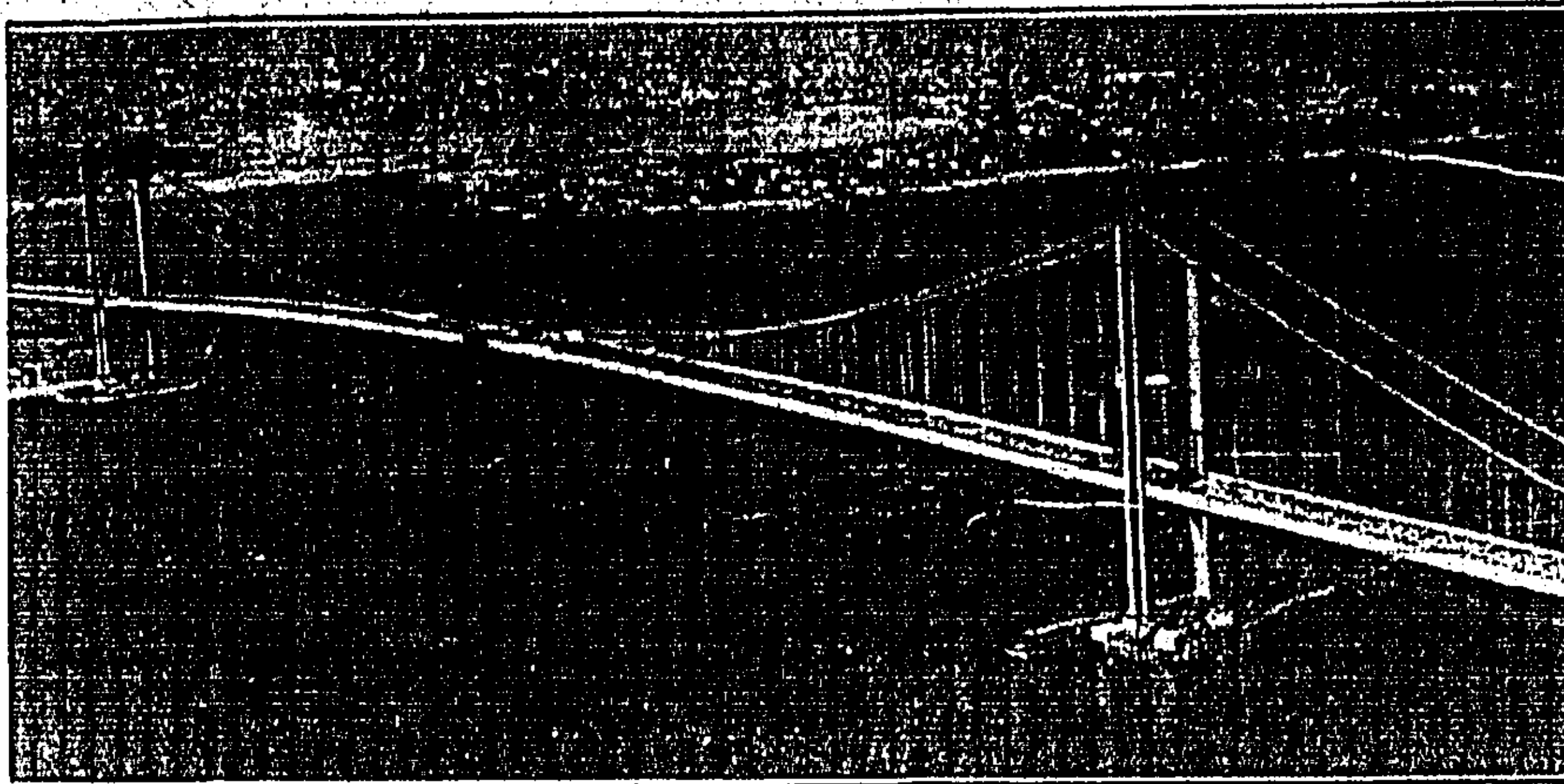
"It is our boast that the soldiers never see the same menu two days running."

"They have rationing committees in every battalion for dealing with suggestions."

THREE HOT MEALS

"The new portable kitchens, which burn oil-fuel, are so designed that when troops are on the march, the longer they march the hotter the food gets."

"Every soldier gets three hot meals a day, and often a high tea as well."



This aerial view shows the \$10,000,000 bridge between The Bronx and Whitestone, out-lying districts of New York City, which workmen are speeding to completion in time for the opening of the World's Fair, on April 30. This is the sixth bridge to link Long Island and Manhattan and is the longest of its kind in the world.

EMPIRE NEWS NATIONAL REGISTER FOR AUSTRALIA

The Federal Cabinet, meeting at Hobart, considered defence questions in the light of the recent report by Mr. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner in London.

It was decided to establish immediately a voluntary national register as a guide to man power and the industrial and food production capacity of the Commonwealth. The register will include both men and women.

It is believed that a voluntary basis was decided on because such a register can be drawn up more rapidly.

A committee has been appointed to consider a large expansion in liquid fuel storage.

Ministers stated that it was impossible to buy a capital warship, as Britain could not spare one. A British export will probably be invited to advise Sydney on the site for a battleship dock.

Antarctic Research—Members of the Cabinet have had informal discussions with Mr. Lincoln Ellsworth, the American explorer, who arrived at Hobart from the Antarctic. The Government is expected to buy Mr. Ellsworth's ship, Wyatt Earp, for use by an Australian expedition to the Antarctic at some later date.

NEW ZEALAND SPEED URGED IN DEFENCE PLANS

Referring to the Dominion's defence needs, the New Zealand Herald states that speed is the essence of the preparations. The Government is pre-occupied with social and economic security without national security. The Dominion at present lacks self-reliance. Isolation is no excuse. The Devonport naval base at Auckland is suitable for refits which are at present being carried out in England, with a great waste of time. The paper urges the formation of a naval auxiliary force.

SOUTH AFRICA BIG CAPE WATER STORAGE PROJECT

Cape Town.

An ambitious hydro-electric, water storage and irrigation scheme, based on the construction of a huge dam near Villiersdorp, in the Western Province of the Cape, is now receiving the attention of the Irrigation Department of the Union Government.

This scheme would make available an additional water supply for Cape Town, and would also supply current to surrounding districts, including Hermanus, Caledon and Worcester.

The dam would have a capacity of 4,000,000,000 gallons.

Zulu War Veteran's Death—The death has occurred at Dundee, at the age of 82, of Thomas Henry Cunningham, a friend of Rider Haggard and a survivor of Isandhlwana.

No National Register—The South African Government has no intention

Job Is Waiting For a New Swiss Family Robinson

THE Swiss-Family-Robinson kind of story gets an up-to-date twist in the news of the quest of the National Trust for a warden to live on the Calf of Man (writes Stanley Baron).

In the book, you remember, it was Mr. Robinson who decided he wanted no more of civilisation. And what Robinson said, in the dutiful eighteen-hundreds, went.

But the Calf of Man will be an affair of woman. So strongly do the National Trust feel on the subject that after going through more than a thousand applications and reducing the list to two or three, they have decided to send the final candidates, with wives, over to the island to see conditions for themselves.

1,500 Told To Try Nursing

Fifteen hundred school-girls, faces eagerly upturned, listened attentively at the Guildhall recently while a pretty, uniformed probationer nurse explained to them through a microphone why nursing was one of the finest professions they could take up.

"If you talk to the average nurse," said Miss Helen Few (who is at London Hospital), "you will find her a cheerful person, interested in her work and getting the best out of life."

Queen Mary was about to leave to attend an overflow meeting, but she was so interested that she waited till the end of Miss Few's speech.

Most of her audience were girls from big London and provincial secondary schools. Most of them will sit for their school certificate examinations in the summer.

To help them, and at the same time to try to interest them in joining the depleted ranks of the nursing profession, they were invited to a big recruiting rally.

BETTER CONDITIONS

Mr. H. L. Eason, tall principal of London University, told them: "Conditions of nursing are changing very rapidly to meet the changing conditions of the world. They are going to be made more attractive."

There was only one nurse, he said, to every 500 of the population.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Lang, read a message to the girls from Queen Mary, which ended:

"I appeal to the girls of the country to ask themselves whether they can find in this great profession not only a career of interest and usefulness but one of the truest and noblest forms of national service."

"I decided to be a nurse long before to-day," one girl said afterwards. "It will be hard work, but great fun."

Busy Life At 85

TOONGABALL, Australia.

Robert Ferguson was too busy on his 85th birthday to do anything more than just carry on his regular work—that of running a five-acre farm single-handed. He attends to fruit and other produce, milks nine cows twice daily and during the past few months has re-painted three houses.

of introducing a national register, according to official information received at Perth

And how the wives will react will probably settle the choice.

MAKING DOUBLY SURE

Mr. D. M. Matheson, secretary to the National Trust, said:

"We came to the conclusion that it wouldn't be fair to send anyone out without making doubly sure that he knew what he was in for."

The job (looking after 615 acres of bird sanctuary and running a farm) will probably be one of the loneliest in Britain. It isn't the husband we worry about so much as the wife.

"None of the candidates, so far as I know, has lived alone on an island before. We think we have the right three in the last selections. So the question is now: 'Can Mrs. Robinson stand it?'"

REACTION TEST

A National Trust official is to be put at the disposal of the candidates who have been chosen to see the island. He will guide them round and observe their reactions.

But the making of the final decision depends upon when the candidates can get across.

They will go separately—and the currents which cut off the island from the main mainland, sometimes for weeks at a time, are among the worst in Britain.

Smuggling In China

LONDON.

Mr. Day asked a further question in the House of Commons recently regarding smuggling in China when he enquired whether any action had been taken by the Government to safeguard the position which had recently arisen by the continued smuggling in China and what the Government's attitude was.

Butler replied that while the Government naturally viewed with disfavour all evasions of payment of Customs duties in China, no reports of smuggling had been received since the reply he gave to Mr. Day on November 16 last. On that occasion Mr. Butler stated that according to the Government's information there had been an appreciable decrease in smuggling.

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Rabbit Fights Dogs And Likes His Beer

A lion living in a back-garden at Pinner, Middlesex, and a bear kept as a pet by a family in Croydon made news recently.

But the strangest pet is a rabbit that drinks beer and fights stray dogs.

Bill is his name. He came to London four years ago, a pet for the twelve-year-old son of Mr. Frank Hurling, manager of a public house in Marylebone High-street, W.

He was put in a neat hutch in the cellar. Next morning he was found outside the hutch—in a drunken stupor.

He had been drinking beer that dripped from the barrels. Spot, the family fox terrier, walked down into the cellar two hours later and Bill, by this time burdened with a hang-over, attacked him.

The terrier, fat with easy living, ran from the cellar yelping with fright.

Bill has bullied him ever since. Sometimes Bill does tricks in the saloon bar for the customers. He can take the lid off a biscuit barrel, overturn the barrel and eat a piece of sponge cake.

He can drink a glass of milk without spilling it, and he can do a juggling trick with a bunch of keys.

"TAKE HIM AWAY"

His fans tell of the time when a woman went into the bar with a cocker spaniel. She was alone—until customers in the other bar heard her screaming: "Take your rabbit off my dog!"

The cocker, backed into a corner, was being kicked and bitten by Bill. Bill's young life nearly ended, though when he attacked a greyhound in Marylebone High-street

Princess Designs Hats

SOME of the hats, soon to be shown in the spring fashion displays, are models designed by Princess Natasha Engratun, 24-year-old granddaughter of Grand Duke Constantine of Russia, who is a cousin of the Duchess of Kent.

The Princess works in the hat department of Paquin's London shop, and, apart from designing new models, acts as a saleswoman.

More than once she has posed to the Duchess of Kent, an expert artist, for her portrait.

He had to run 150 yards for home and safety, the greyhound about three feet behind him all the way.

Mr. Harding has not let Bill out into the street since then.

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KING'S TRAIN TO BE "FORT"

POLICE precautions due to the I.R.A. bombing outrages made the King and Queen almost prisoners in the royal train each evening during their three-day "no speechmaking" tour of the north-east recently.

Once the official functions of each day were over, they returned to the train, which was drawn up on the now disused Newcastle-Ponteland passenger line near Ponteland station.

And through the night specially picked Scotland Yard officers and detectives from the Northumberland County, Newcastle and L.N.E.R. forces guarded them.

The scope of the precautions—unparalleled for the safety of a King of Britain visiting the provinces of his own country—can be gathered from the fact that detectives watched the relaying of every yard of gravel and piece of asphalt at the place where the train will stay each night.

Normally, members of the Royal Family visiting the north-east stay at one of the great castles, Lambton, Lumley or Alnwick, but a police official said that their Majesties would be better guarded in the train.

Fleet Air Arm Goes Ahead

With more than 28,000,000 to spend on aircraft during its first year of Admiralty control, the Fleet Air Arm promises to become one of the most attractive branches of the Service.

We have the assurance of Lord Stirling, First Sea Lord, that "the British Navy is—pretty well—unimpaired." And the latest Admiralty recruiting figures reflect a very promising start.

DECK LANDING TESTS

According to these, 141 officers pilots have entered the Fleet Air Arm from the R.A.F. and R.A.F. Reserve; 101 executive naval officers are already serving as pilots and 152 as air observers.

In addition, the Fleet Air Arm has 133 executive officers and 44 naval ratings under instruction at Service flying training schools, and 34 naval ratings serving as observers' mates.

At Donibristle, Fife, 14 rating pilots are making their final deck-landing tests aboard the carrier Courageous; 15 others will start training this week.

These figures do not include officers of the R.N.V.R. Air Branch or those recruited from civil life.

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

Of 236 Fleet Air Arm officers drawn from civilian ranks, 116 are training as pilots and 120 as air observers.

A recruiting campaign for air fitters and air riggers will be launched during the next few days.

Other Fleet Air Arm branches are those of air mechanic, air artificer, and air apprentice.

Air mechanics are coming forward in satisfactory numbers and there is no shortage of pilot applicants.

An Admiralty official said recently that 60 per cent. of the fitters and riggers in the new branches would be selected for promotion as air artificers.

BOY Of 8, Tired Of Life, Aged 15, No Religion

AND 3-YEAR-OLD BLACKED HER EYE SAYS NURSE

BOYS of all ages figured in six unusual court cases in various parts of the country recently. There was the—

Boy of 17 who never spoke and was fed by his mother like a bird.

Boy of eight who was unhappy and tried to stab himself.

Boy of 16 whose employers increased his wages instead of dismissing him, to encourage him to mend his ways; he did not.

Boy of three who, said his nurse, blacked her eye and bit her neck; she smacked him, and won a claim for wrongful dismissal.

Boy of 15 who told the magistrates he had no religion.

Boy of 14 whose "present from Santa Claus" to his young brother was stolen by a tutor who found it.

AGED EIGHT, UNHAPPY

"I was unhappy and wanted to kill myself," said the eight-year-old, who at Ealing juvenile court admitted trying to stab himself in the stomach with a carving knife.

A woman probation officer said the child threw a piece of wood at his mother and the same day tried to strike her (the mother) with the carving knife.

"He tells me he is very unhappy at home," added the officer.

On a charge of being beyond his parents' control, he was sent to a reformatory for a fortnight.

RUSE BEHIND RISE

The 16-year-old lad whose firm increased his wages instead of dismissing him, to encourage him to mend his ways, appeared at Caxton juvenile court, and was summoned for a breach of a probation order.

He had been found to be untrustworthy and a liar, it was stated.

Kindness brought no response and later he admitted stealing 1s. 1d. belonging to his employers.

The court, said a probation officer, who was "conscious of public opinion against stepfathers" and left the boy in the hands of his mother.

The lad, who said he had only borrowed the 1s. 1d. and repaid it, will be sent to an approved school.

NURSE SMACKED CHILD

Alleging that her three-year-old charge was out of control and had pulled her hair, blacked her eye and bitten her neck, Miss Edith Brettingham, of Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester, successfully claimed in West London county court that she was wrongfully dismissed for smacking him.

Judgment for £5 5s. for wages and loss of board was given against Captain H. S. Foxwell.

Miss Brettingham said she was employed by Captain and Mrs. Foxwell, then staying at a Kensington hotel, on a month's trial at a guinea a week.

She was drying the child after his bath and he bit her neck. She told the court: "I thought it was time he had some punishment and smacked him on the leg."

Mrs. Foxwell said she never saw Miss Brettingham with a black eye. Judge Hargreaves thought Miss Brettingham was wrong to smack the boy when the mother was there and able to do it. But this did not justify immediate dismissal.

NO RELIGION AT 15

Asked to take the oath at Cuxton juvenile court, a 15-year-old offender said he had no religion.

He affirmed.

Obstructing the police in Piccadilly Circus was the charge.

Saying he had been mistaken for someone else, the boy intimated he would call a friend as witness. He was remanded for a week.

STRAY DARTS

A darts scoreboard, darts and diary, Christmas gifts from a boy of 14 to his younger brother, were left behind in a railway waiting room.

A private tutor, Guy Haversham Morse-Boycott (50), of Devonshire Place, was at Brighton fined £2 with £1 costs for stealing the parcel, which bore a name and address and "From Santa Claus"—by finding.

He said he was without his glasses and took it home meaning to look for an address.

"RABBIT FEVER" PROSCRIBED

Leetonia, O.

"Rabbit fever," the hunting variety, so depleted the ranks of Leetonia high school's boy students, during the rabbit hunting season, that Principal G. L. Power issued a warning to the fever's "victims." Powell's warning stressed provisions of state school-attendance laws.

Raid On Queen's Dress Maker

Thieves raided the premises of Mr. Norman B. Hartnell, dressmaker to the Queen, in Bruton-street, W., recently and carried off furs valued at £5,000.

About the same time—4 a.m.—another gang broke into the London Bullion Company's shop in Haymarket, S.W., and took jewellery in gold and silver, antiques and coins to the value of £2,000.

In their haste the fur thieves left many valuable skins behind, but the jewel raiders appear to have had expert knowledge, taking the most valuable exhibits in the window.

BROKE MAIN DOOR

It was about 4.30 a.m. when a policeman discovered that Mr. Hartnell's premises had been entered, but by then the raiders had gone.

The gang had prised open both halves of a side door, but finding further progress stopped by a stout iron bar, worked on the main door.

After breaking the thick glass and forcing the locks they went to the showroom at the back.

Four men are believed to have taken part in the raid—two to get the furs, one to watch, and a fourth waiting in the car in which the furs were taken away.

Mr. Hartnell designs dresses for the Queen. He designed the bridal dress of the Duchess of Gloucester and her eight bridesmaids, among whom were Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

SAW MASKED MAN

The raid on the London Bullion Company's shop was nearly foiled.

An assistant on night duty at a chemist's shop a short distance away heard a crash like falling glass, and was just in time to see a man, Jimmy in hand, and a handkerchief over the lower part of his face, crossing the pavement.

The assistant ran back into the shop, dialled 999, but by the time a police patrol car arrived the thieves had got away.

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IMPERIAL AIRWAYS
Delphinus Arrives With Late Mail

The Imperial Airways Delphinus reached Hongkong yesterday with the air mail, delayed one day on the main line.

The only passenger aboard was Miss Margery Fife, 23, American, who will rejoin the ship Fruconia here next week. She is on a world cruise, but broken her journey at Bangkok to come by plane in order to spend a week with friends in Hongkong.

The next mail is expected on schedule to-morrow.
The Far East manager of Imperial Airways, Lt.-Commander A. D. S. Murray, said last evening that he had had no report that the Delphinus had been obliged to return to Bangkok because of the failure of one of the plane's instruments.

PLANE MISSING
Dairen, Mar. 23.
A passenger airplane enroute on the Peking-Dairen route of the China Aviation Corporation has been unaccounted for since it left Tientsin for Dairen at 8.10 a.m. to-day. The plane was carrying nine passengers and a crew of three.—Domel.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures of Planes

Outward: Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 24; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 28.
For U.S.A., via Manila, Guam, Honolulu, Boeing Clipper 8.30 a.m. March 25.
For Chungking, Sian, etc. Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.
For France, via Hanol: Air France 6.30 a.m. March 25.

Inward:
From London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. March 25; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. March 29.
From Chungking, Yunnan, Kweilin: C.N.A.C., Eurasia Service indefinite.
From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Boeing Clipper 12.30 p.m. March 25.
From France via Hanol: Air France, 12.30 March 25.

SUICIDE'S FORESIGHT

Dublin, Mar. 23.
A bottle picked up on the shore here contained a suicide note stating that the writer was taking his own life, and adding, "But for all it is worth, Squadron Castle will win the Lincolnshire Handicap and Cooleen the Grand National."
Squadron Castle won the Lincolnshire at 40 to 1 and Cooleen stood 25 to 1 in the Grand National.—United Press.

DORADO LEAVES

The Imperial Airways plane Dorado left Kai Tak this morning for Bangkok with Mr. H. C. Lee as the sole passenger.
Some 1034 lbs. of mail were carried.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:
The improvement in the London market was short-lived, and the latest advices from that quarter show an appreciable drop in most quotations. This, together with the uncertainty still surrounding the European political situation, may account for the lethargical state of the local market. In spite, however, of all this, H.K. Banks continue to command attention and a large business was reported in them to-day at \$1,340, with a small lot being traded at \$1,350.

Buyers	Sellers
Providence (Old) \$5.45	Canton Ice \$1
Entertainments \$6.45 ex. Div.	
H.K. Docks \$17 1/2	China Lights (Old) \$5.50
China Lights (New) \$5.50	Entertainments \$6.45 ex. Div. Cum. \$21.03
Watsons \$9.10	H.K. Docks \$17 1/2
Vibro Pumps \$4.40 ex. Div.	Entertainments \$6.45 ex. Div.
Hongkong Bank \$1,372 1/2	Union Insurance \$403
Union Insurance \$403	H.K. Docks \$17 1/2
Providence (Old) \$5.45	H.K. Hotels \$5.50
Antelope \$5.50	Antelope \$5.50
Guinea Gold \$2	Coca Mines \$0.5
Coca Mines \$0.5	Demonstrations 14 1/2
Paracale Gumaua \$0	San Maurice \$1.00
Guinea Consul 10 1/2	United Paracale \$0

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 23.		
	Opening	Closing
New York Cotton	8.18/17	8.10/20
May	7.97/08	7.99/8.00
July	7.61/00	7.60/00
Oct.	7.54/53	7.55/55
Dec.	7.53/53	7.54/54
Jan.	7.58 A	8.04 N
Spot		
New York Rubber		
Mar.	15.99/10.00	16.00/12.00
Sept.	10.00/03	10.10/12
Dec.	10.04/02	10.10/12
To-day's Sales:—1,170 tons.		
The last Notice day for March Rubber is March 29th.		
Chicago Wheat		
May	07 1/2/07 3/4	07 1/2/07 3/4
July	07 1/2/07 3/4	07 1/2/07 3/4
Sept.	06 3/4/06 3/4	06 3/4/06 3/4
Wednesday's Sales:—unreceived		
Chicago Corn		
May	47 1/2/47 1/2	47 1/2/47 1/2
July	48 1/2/48 1/2	48 1/2/48 1/2
Sept.	50 1/2/50 1/2	50 1/2/50 1/2
Winnipeg Wheat		
May	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/60 1/2
July	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2
Oct.	62 1/2/62 1/2	62 1/2/62 1/2

A.R.P. EXAMS.

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that the undermentioned successfully passed the Air Raid Warden's Examination held at the Club Lusitano on March 17:
Messrs. F. A. Joseph, C. H. Adams, C. H. Basto, J. M. Eubank, T. W. Erskine, M. A. Remedios, F. G. Bird, Henry Chong, G. T. Bird, C. Carr, E. Sahmel, W. J. Morris, C. P. Wong, A. L. Fisher, C. L. Rocha, E. de Sousa, I. P. Corveth, H. R. Sequeira.

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MARCH, 24, 1939.

FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:
STOCKS: Soviet Russia has agreed to a Four-Power declaration against Nazi aggression.

Herr Hitler's Memel speech declares that Germany has now essentially ended making good the pain caused her after the World War.
The technical action of the market has improved, but evidence of an up-turn is still inconclusive.
Standard Oil Company of New Jersey 1939 profits will be materially below those of 1938.
The week's earloadings are 10 per cent. over that of the corresponding period of last year.

LONDON AVERAGES: MARCH, 22 MARCH 23

Industrial Average	90.5	90.6
Rails Average	54.0	54.2

These averages are based on 100 as of December 31, 1934.

G. R. C. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sai Chuk Yuen Road, Kowloon City, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2664.	West of New Kowloon, in the Lot No. 1949, situated at Chut Yuen Road, K.C.	N. 6. E. W. 100 feet 100 feet 100 feet 100 feet	As per sale plan.	About \$300	\$4150

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2665.	Between New Kowloon and Inland Lot No. 2670 and 2671, Kowloon Tsai.	N. 6. E. W. 100 feet 100 feet 100 feet 100 feet	As per sale plan.	About \$166	\$17250

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

TRADE WAR IN EUROPE

(Continued from Page 1.)

character are covered by the new German-Rumanian agreement. The development of the enormous potential resources of Rumania, particularly in the direction of agriculture is the main feature of the agreement, and another highly important aspect is the supply of industrial equipment.

Intensification of products is anticipated, especially of fodder, oil seed, and fibre plant.
Attention is also paid to forestry. German machines and mining equipment will be supplied, and German-Rumanian companies will be formed to exploit copper, bauxite and manganese. Bauxite and aluminium industries will be founded. A German-Rumanian company will promote mineral oil production, execute boring, and a distribution programme.

CO-ORDINATE INDUSTRIES

The two countries will co-ordinate their industries and create new zones in which industrial and trade undertakings will be established, and warehouses will be built for German shipping in the free zone.
The delivery of war materials and armaments for the Rumanian army, navy and air forces, and armaments industries are also included in the agreement.
The agreement will come into force after its ratification, and it will remain valid until March 31, 1944, and if not denounced a year before its expiration, will be prolonged indefinitely subject to a year's notice at the end of every fourth year.—Reuter.

NEGOTIATIONS IN EAST

London, Mar. 23.
The present circumstances are not favourable for the despatch of a British mission to Chungking to consult with the Chinese Government as regards the best opportunities for developing trade in textiles in West China, said Mr. Ronald Cross, replying to Mr. H. Sutcliffe in the House of Commons to-day.
He added that the Board of Trade did not wish to discourage interests if concerned with sending a mission if it was considered that the possibilities of trade were worth exploring.—Reuter.

ITALY NEGOTIATES

Genoa, Mar. 23.
It is reported that Italy is negotiating for the purchase of 90,000 tons of wheat from Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Rumania.—Reuter.

PREMIER'S GRAVE WARNING

(Continued from Page 1.)

of the country serve to show that public opinion generally is in favour of the immediate introduction of limited compulsory service. A six months' period is advocated.—Trans-Ocean.

NOT CHALLENGED

London, Mar. 23.
Government supporters approve of the tone of Mr. Chamberlain's declaration in the House of Commons as regards the international situation, and consider that he could not have been more precise in the present circumstances.
Critics of the Prime Minister in the Government ranks regard it as a strong and important declaration.
Several opposition Labour members have expressed satisfaction with the terms of the statement.
It was observed that after the statement, Labour and Liberal front-benchers asked no questions.
Only Mr. A. Bevan, who is an associate of Sir Stafford Cripps, asked challenging questions.—Reuter.

CZECH CONSUL WONT HAND OVER

Colombo, Mar. 23.
The Czech Consul, who is an Englishman, has refused to hand over the Consulate to the German authorities.
It is understood that he takes this stand on the ground that England has not recognised the annexation of the Czech States.—Reuter.

SLOVAKIA INVADED BY HUNGARIANS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Hungarian invasion, the Hungarian Government has promised an immediate investigation.
However, it said the eastern frontier of Slovakia has never been previously definite and that it is possible that a local conflict has developed between the Hungarian and Slovakian forces near the frontier.
The reply said there is no question of actual military operations and that the reports that the Hungarians invaded Slovakia with German encouragement are completely false.—United Press.

THE "TELEGRAPH"

will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

POST OFFICE.

MAIL FOR CANTON

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Japan	Atuta Maru	March 21
Formosa, Japan and Shanghai	Hakone Maru	March 24
Shanghai and Swatow	Klungchow	March 24
Saloon	Laica	March 24
Manila	Pres. Pierce	March 24
Shanghai and Amoy	Shantung	March 24
Japan and Shanghai	Burdwan	March 25
Direct Service—London date, 18th Mar.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 25
Haliphong, Pakhol and Fort Bayard	Suiyang	March 25
Straits and Europe via Negapatnam (Papers etc.) London date, 23rd February		
Shanghai and Swatow	Suwa Maru	March 25
Shanghai	Taiyuan	March 25
Shanghai	Tilsaroca	March 25
Shanghai	Victoria	March 25
Manila	Anshun	March 26
Manila	Corneville	March 26
Manila	Marchen Moerak	March 26
Japan	Nagato Maru	March 26
Straits	Proteslaus	March 26
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th March.	Pan American Airways plane	March 26
Shanghai	Anulock	March 27
Haliphong	Canton	March 27
Straits	Rio de Janeiro Maru	March 27
Japan	Tilsadane	March 27
Java and Manila	Boissevain	March 28
Shanghai	Empress of Asia	March 28
Manila	Ninghal	March 28
Tientsin	Sangshan Maru	March 28
Amoy	Tilawa	March 28
Calcutta and Straits		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 2nd March)	Chichibu Maru	March 29
Straits and Europe via Suez (Papers, etc.) London date, 2nd March and London parcels—(London date, 23rd February)	Chitral	March 29
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 22nd March	Imperial Airways Plane	March 29
Shanghai	Kamakura Maru	March 29

OUTWARD MAILS

For Friday

For	Per	Date and Time
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Hakone Maru"	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Fri., Mar. 24, 12.30 p.m.
Direct Service—due Amsterdam, 6th April	Reg.	Mar. 24, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Hakone Maru	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Fri., Mar. 24, 12.45 p.m.
Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 23rd April	Reg.	Mar. 24, 1.30 p.m.
Mauritius, Reunion and Madagascar	Reg.	Mar. 24, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai for Indo-China, Iran, and Air France Plane	Reg.	Mar. 24, 1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Paris and Northern Provinces only by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"	Reg.	Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 7 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 7 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand Atuta via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 6th April	Reg.	Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Papers only for Straits	Singapore	Sat., Mar. 25, 9 a.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central Pres. Pierce	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Mar. 25, Noon
South America via San Francisco and (Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco, 13th April	Reg.	Mar. 25, 2.30 p.m.
Manila and Naples—due Naples, 16th April	Reg.	Mar. 25, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Reg.	Mar. 25, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia	Suwa Maru	Sat., Mar. 25, 3.30 p.m.
(Papers only) for Straits and Kungshan	Reg.	Mar. 25, 5 p.m.
(Papers and Papers only) for Calcutta	Papers	Mar. 26, 9 a.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 2nd April.	Reg.	Mar. 25, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 25, 5.00 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 25, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 27, 7.30 a.m.

Sunday

Swatow, Saloon and Bangkok	Kalgon	Sun., Mar. 26, 9 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Pakhol	Klungchow	Sun., Mar. 26, 9 a.m.
Laos	Laos	Sun., Mar. 26, 9 a.m.
Shanghai via Swatow	Wingsang	Sun., Mar. 26, 9 a.m.

Monday

Swatow	Anshun	Mon., Mar. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Imperial Airways Plane"	Reg.	Mon., Mar. 27, 5 p.m.
Direct Service—due London, 3rd April	Ord.	Mar. 27, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 27, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaysia, Java and Imperial Airways Plane	Reg.	Mon., Mar. 27, 5 p.m.
Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 3rd April	Reg.	Mar. 27, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 27, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 27, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 27, 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Canton	Kinshan	Tues., Mar. 28, 8.15 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Haliphong	Jenn Dupuis	Tues., Mar. 28, 2 p.m.
Parcels and Papers only for South Rio-de-Janeiro Maru	Tues., Mar. 28, 2.30 p.m.	
Africa via Durban	Taiyuan	Tues., Mar. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Chunchoo and Amoy		

Wednesday

Foochow via Swatow	Chungking	Wed., Mar. 29, 8.30 a.m.
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Baltic Pawn

THE IMPLICATIONS behind the German occupation of Memelland are much wider than they appear on the surface. The Memel district, a strip of 853 square miles long live is, although so small that it is virtually valueless to Germany economically, highly valuable as pawn in the larger game Germany is now playing in Eastern Europe.

Just as the German occupation of Czechoslovakia and all it implies makes Poland's southern flank highly vulnerable, so does Lithuania, with whom Poland established diplomatic relations only last year through an ultimatum presented at the point of the gun, lie heavily on her northern flank. And although Lithuania is small, her strategic value is tremendous, especially since Poland's western front is exposed at Danzig. Thus you see in German re-occupation of Memel a lever with which Lithuania can be jostled into almost any position. The first fruits have already become manifest in the Lithuanian-German Non-Aggression Pact, signed yesterday. Germany now has Lithuania's only seaport and Lithuania may, as a result of the dependence she must now place on Germany, find that her freedom is not much more than that enjoyed by the Bohemians, the Moravians or the Slovaks.

You will probably see, as a result of this Memel re-occupation, another spate of diplomatic activity in central Europe, with Warsaw as the axis. Poland, almost surrounded now by Germany, must either resign herself to the knowledge that the Pan-Ukrainian movement Herr Hitler is espousing involves dismemberment of Poland as well as Soviet Russia, or must cast around for new and powerful allies.

In return for facilities in Memel, and especially access to Memel Harbour, Lithuania will almost certainly be forced, in the very near future if not now, to become a vassal of Greater Germany.

Events on the Baltic coast must have a salutary effect on the other little Baltic states, whom Germany would also like to bring within her orbit. They will watch post-Memel developments in Lithuania with the greatest of anxiety as a token of what might be in store for them.

Memel is typical of German colonisation territory. Even after 700 years of German rule it contained, according to the German 1910 census, 71,781 inhabitants of German mother tongue, and 67,124 of Lithuanian mother tongue, while in the Lithuanian census of 1925 43.51 per cent of Memel's inhabitants characterised themselves as of German nationality, 27.59 per cent of Lithuanian nationality and 28.18 per cent as Memellanders.

Thus Memel becomes a second precedent for German territorial claims no longer based on the National Socialist principle alone, but rather on political preference, however obtained. And since all the Baltic States contain large German minorities, an example of what a determined German minority with the backing of Great Germany can do provides them food for thought.

MEMEL, Europe's nagging tooth

by
**EMRYS
JONES**

TURN your eyes to that strip of territory called Memel-land that adjoins East Prussia, whose coast is washed by the Baltic Sea, whose people were, until this week, in Lithuania, and whose heart is in Germany.

Note the clean, red-brick cobbled town of Memel itself, and see what a fine jumping-off ground it is as a base for any nation whose ambition it is to make a dive up the Baltic.

Turn your eyes to Memel, because it's like a troublesome tooth—you never know when it's going to start aching.

Hitler and Chamberlain had some words about it when the British Prime Minister met the Fuehrer in Germany during the crisis last year.

Before we investigate that, consider the story of Memel—consider it, because Memel was the result of a smash-and-grab raid, following by another smashing and grabbing that brought it back to Germany yesterday.

Memelland was German until it was taken away from them by the peacemakers in Paris, and it was some time before the Allies decided what to do with it.

Too Late

IN 1923 it was decided for them. In the beginning of that year armed Lithuanians (who until the end of the war had been Russia) began to be heard, began to give the 200 French soldiers there, who were keeping order on behalf of the Allies, a lot of trouble.

To the Allies came urgent requests for help from the French Commissioner. To Lithuania went a protest, and the British cruiser Caledon sailed for the Baltic.

Too late. Thousands of Lithuanians attacked the French, who gave way. So Memel was annexed by Lithuania, and in the following year the grab was recognised when Lithuania signed the

Flanked by Nazi Germany's East Prussia in the West, Memel, German in spirit, makes a jumping off ground for a drive up the Baltic Sea.

Memel Statute, which gave or promised to give Memelland some sort of autonomy.

Great Britain, France, Italy, and Japan guaranteed the integrity of Lithuania and autonomy for Memelland.

Really this decision was to save the consciences of the Allies, who had permitted the Poles under Pilsudski to grab the Lithuanian capital of Vilna.

Name Changed

THE Lithuanians began by assaulting the feelings of the Memellanders, who were German, by changing the name of the German town from Memel to Klaipeda on the railway stations and destroying monuments that reminded the Memellanders of their German background.

However, there was no big cry then to return to the arms of Germany, for that was back in 1923, when a minor agitator called Adolf Hitler was just beginning to raise the storm in far-away Munich.

Soon after the agitator had become master of Germany in 1933, the German Memellander turned their eyes to the Third Reich. Propaganda and racial feeling started the tooth aching, and from time to time the twinges were felt all over Europe.

The movement for incorporation in the Third Reich began to gather momentum, till in 1934 Lithuanian troops swarmed into Memelland, arrested leaders and a hundred other prominent German citizens. The Lithuanians held a trial in Kaunas, accused them of plotting to restore Memelland to the realm of Adolf Hitler. They sentenced four men to death, sent nearly a hundred to long terms of imprisonment.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Your neck is too long for the new collars, but I think our Mr. Emile can fix that!"

I Asked Hitler Questions

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Questions and Answers
from an unexpurgated Edition
of "Mein Kampf".

Q. Why did you choose the swastika?

A. "The new flag had to be just as much a symbol of our own struggle as of great advertising effectiveness. Anybody who has much to do with the masses sees great importance in these apparent trivialities. An effective badge can in hundreds of thousands of cases awake the first interest in a movement." (p. 555.)

"As National-Socialists we see our programme in our flag. In the red we see the social idea of the nationalistic; in the swastika the mission of the struggle for the victory of the Aryan man." (p. 557.)

Q. What is your view of Freemasonry?

A. "To strengthen his political position the Jew tries to tear down racial and political barriers, which at first still hamper his steps. For this purpose he fights for religious tolerance with all the toughness peculiar to him, and thus found an excellent instrument for the championship of his cause in Freemasonry, which has completely fallen prey to him."

"Governing circles and the higher grades of the political and business bourgeoisie fall into his snare through masonic strings, without their realising it." (p. 345.)

"The work which Freemasonry begins in so-called intellectual circles to further the pacifistic jamming of the drive for national self-preservation is passed on to the broad masses by the activity of the great Press to-day always Jewish." (p. 351.)

Q. What is the fundamental difference between Nazism and Communism?

A. "By its categorical rejection of personality and thus of the nation and its racial content Nazism destroys the elementary basis of all human culture which is dependent upon these factors. This is the real inner kernel of Marxist philosophy. With the destruction of personality and race falls the important obstacle to the domination of the inferior type—and this is the Jew."

"So arises a pure workers' movement under Jewish leadership, pretending to better the condition of the worker, but in reality aiming at the enslavement and destruction of all non-Jewish peoples." (p. 351.)

"The (Nazist) movement must promote respect of the person with all means. It must never forget that in individual worth lies the worth of everything human, that every idea and every achievement is the result of the creative power of a man." (p. 387.)

"The nationalist point of view . . . does not only envisage the different worth of races, but also the different worth of individual men." (p. 421.)

"The fundamental difference between nationalist philosophy and Marxism is that nationalist philosophy does not recognise only the value of race but also the importance of the individual, and makes him the foundation of its whole structure." (p. 501.)

Q. Many say you are taking gambler's risks in Europe. Do you believe in taking risks?

A. "Lack of will . . . hinders every decision as if the magnitude of a deed did not consist in its riskiness. . . ."

"He who first demands from fate the guarantee of success, thereby renounces the very importance of an heroic deed. For an heroic deed lies in the fact that although convinced of its danger of a situation, you take the step which will perhaps lead to success. A man sick with cancer . . . does not want to reckon on fifty-one per cent, certainly before risking an operation." (p. 463.)

Q. Do you think it would be a better world if Germany ran it entirely?

A. "If the German people throughout its historical development had possessed the herd-like unity which helped other peoples, the German Reich to-day would be mistress of the world."

World history would then have taken another course, and no man is in a position to decide whether the very thing that so many dazed pacifists are to-day hoping to beg by whining and whimpering, peace, would not have come about in this way."

"Peace supported not on the hand-wringing of fearful pacifistic wailing women, but by the victorious sword of a master people which taken the world into the service of a higher culture." (p. 439.)

Then the world saw for the first time that other nations must take care how they treat people of the German race. Hitler protested vigorously against the death sentences and it looked like the aching tooth was about to be drawn.

The Lithuanians, however, climbed down, commuted the death sentences. One of the men they sentenced was Ernst Neumann, now known in Lithuania as the Henlein of Memelland. They sent him to prison for twelve years at Siauliai, but after doing four years he was pardoned and released.

Last week, you could have seen the ex-veterinary surgeon Ernst Neumann on the stump in Memelland, wearing a dark blue suit, top boots, with the elk-antler badge of his party in his button-hole.

Ranged on the other side against Neumann was the thin, high-cheek-boned, bushy moustached President of Lithuania, Antanas Smetona. Like Poland's Pilsudski and Czechoslovakia's Benes, Smetona was a Nationalist when his country was under foreign rule, in his case Russian rule.

He was expelled from his school for saying prayers in Lithuanian instead of Russian, then became a conspirator in the cause of Lithuanian independence while he was a student in the University of St. Petersburg. Who wasn't a conspirator in Czarist Russia?

Smetona has no chance in Memelland, for in the local Diet the German party held 24 out of the 29 seats, party followers give the Nazi salute, use the word "Heil," and organise storm troops.

Many Clashes

THE troublesome tooth of Memelland was kept nervous by frequent clashes between Germans and Lithuanians. Last June Nazis and Lithuanians fought for two hours in the streets because the Germans had welcomed a Nazi ship in the port with the Hitler salute and cries of "Heil!"

The casualties were the death of a 16-years-old son of a German policeman and 50 injured. Once more it looked as if Europe was in for a first-class crisis.

The storm passed—on the surface. Memelland disappeared from the crisis scene until a British M.P. asked in the House of Commons what was going to happen there. That was after Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Germany in September.

In reply, it was said that Hitler had told Chamberlain that he'd be glad to leave Memelland as it was, as long as the Memel Statute was observed by the Lithuanian Government.

Please note: "As long as the Memel Statute was observed by the Lithuanian Government."

It would not be difficult to find an excuse for saying that the Statute was not being observed, and, anyway, the Memellanders were reckoned among the dissatisfied minorities that afflict the European scene.

"A Scandal"

ALL this happened when Hitler gave it out that he had no more territorial ambitions, but in Berlin a few days later it was pretty official in Germany that this did not mean the Fuehrer was not deeply interested in his fellow-Germans beyond the frontiers of Nazi Germany.

In the same October that was followed up in Berlin by the comment that suppression in Lithuania "has become an untenable scandal."

More to the point was the formal declaration made to newspapers in Memel by Herr Bertuleit, deputy-leader of Memel's Nazis.

Said he: "Memel was separated against its will from the German fatherland. Now it desires reunion

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Anti-Nazi Bloc

Hopes Of Conference Improve

London, Mar. 23. The prospects of a very early conference of the anti-aggression Powers improved late last night, according to political circles, as a result of the discussions between Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, and Mr. Bonnet and M. Charles Corbin, French Ambassador to Great Britain.

It is now considered likely that the British plan for an immediate anti-aggression declaration will be superseded by consultations either in London or Paris, possibly as early as this week-end, along the lines proposed originally by Russia.

There are no reliable indications as to who will attend the conference, but political circles believe the conference will possibly be extended beyond Britain, France, Russia, Poland, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Rumania. An invitation may also be sent to the Scandinavian and Baltic countries.

The object would be to build up an impressive list of Powers prepared to stand together for the maintenance of peace.—United Press.

Hint to Germany

Warsaw, Mar. 23. What is interpreted here as a hint to Germany that Poland will consider extension of German influence in Lithuania beyond Memel as conflicting with Polish interests, is contained in a statement by official quarters emphasizing that Poland considers the Baltic region to be a region where her direct interests are concerned.—Reuter.

Treaty with Slovakia

Berlin, Mar. 23. The treaty between the Reich Government and the Slovak Government, it is understood, was signed at 12.40 p.m. at the Foreign Office in Berlin. The German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, signed for Germany, while the Slovak Premier, Dr. Tiso, and the Foreign Minister, M. Durcansky, signed for Slovakia.

The contents of the treaty will be published to-night.—Trans-Ocean.

Worry Over Delay

London, Mar. 23. Mr. Neville Chamberlain is expected to make a short statement in the Commons this afternoon indicating the negotiations for promotion of the anti-aggression front still proceeding, but it is doubtful whether he will give much positive information.

It is known that members of all Parties view with concern the passage of time since Czechoslovakia was annexed which has failed to produce any concrete signs of a definite stand being taken, also the impatient delay while diplomats are arguing whether to issue a declaration and then hold a conference or vice versa.

At present the indications are that the Government will not grant permission for a debate on foreign affairs at least until Monday.

A deputa-tion of Labour trade union leaders will visit Mr. Chamberlain at Downing Street this morning and urge him to make no reservations on the issue of giving support to those countries which are prepared to make a stand against aggression.—United Press.

Terms of Agreement

London, Mar. 23. The Daily Telegraph diplomatic writer states, "Mr. Chamberlain and M. Bonnet are understood to have exchanged written memoranda placing on record the verbal agreement which they are believed to have reached at the end of January.

"This was, in effect, that France would give unreserved support to Britain if the latter regarded German attack on the Low Countries, including Holland, as a threat to Britain. On the other hand Britain undertook similar pledges towards France in respect of German attacks on Switzerland or other areas of vital interest to France."—United Press.

HUNGARY INVADDES SLOVAKIA

Vienna, Mar. 23. Political quarters in Bratislava reported that at 8 a.m. to-day Berlin time regular Hungarian troops crossed the frontier into Slovakia near Sobrance and advanced in the direction of Michalovce, occupying several villages on the way. Shortly after 10.30 a.m., Berlin time, other Slovak frontier villages were occupied by regular Hungarian troops advancing on Michalovce from various directions.

So far no resistance has been offered to the Hungarian troops, but the Slovak Defence Minister announced this forenoon that Hlinka Guards have been mobilized and that bombing planes will be used against the advancing Hungarian troops. In addition, all Czech troops still in garrison have been ordered to oppose the advance of Hungarian troops.—Trans-Ocean.

HITLER IN MEMEL

Tremendous Welcome: Speech To Populace

Memel, Mar. 23. Herr Hitler landed from the cruiser Deutschland shortly after 9.30 a.m., GMT., and drove to Theatre Square where German troops were drawn up and a crowd waited. All offices and shops were closed.

The German troops from East Prussia reached Memel city shortly after 7 a.m., the sun shining, though snow and ice covered the streets. Many people had flocked into town from the country and large crowds cheered heartily.

German cruisers, destroyers, minesweepers and submarines arrived in Memel ahead of the Deutschland.—Reuter.

Hearty Welcome

Punctually at 5 a.m. German troops started to march into Memel-land from East Prussia.

The Memel Nazi Storm Troopers and hundreds of civilians greeted the incoming troops. As they moved on through Memel territory, every village hoisted swastika flags and hundreds came out of their homes to watch.—Reuter.

Hitler's Address

Memel, Mar. 23. Addressing the Memellanders, Herr Hitler said he was pleased to receive them back to the Reich.

"I lead you back to the Fatherland which you did not forget and which has not forgotten you. You were abandoned by a weak Germany and you returned to a Germany which is strong and ready to make its own destiny. Even if it is not liked by the rest of the world, this new Germany includes over 80,000,000 people.

"Our unity will never break asunder and no other Power shall break it. Twenty years of sorrow and distress will be lessened. We know what we may expect from others. We do not want to harm anyone, but we will not tolerate any harm done to us. Now we have substantially reached the end of reparations. I greet you as old German racial members and the youngest citizens of the Great German Reich."

Hitler spoke for eight minutes.—Reuter.

Port Arrangements

Memel, Mar. 23. A new "Memel Port Company" will be founded to manage and to supervise the freeport awarded Lithuania. All Lithuanian property in the Memel port which has been transferred to the Reich will be placed in the hands of the new company.

An agreement will provide that the German port administration will lease for a period of 99 years the use of water and land facilities to the new company, which in return is obliged to place port facilities for the disposal of general traffic for all requirements.

Port duties will be collected by the new company, which also will be granted far-reaching allowances in taxation matters.

The free-zones are still to be defined. Customs control will be established at the frontiers of the free-zones. Germany will retain sovereign rights over all leased territory and free-zones.

The questions arising in connection with the Lithuanian ships registered at Memel will be regulated between the two authorities.—Trans-Ocean.

Treaty With Lithuania

Berlin, Mar. 23. The treaty reuniting the Memel district with the Reich was signed here at midnight by Herr von Ribbentrop and M. Urbis, Foreign Minister of Lithuania.

A communique states that the two countries undertake never to resort to force against each other, nor support the use of force by a third party against one of the two partners.—Reuter.

Lithuanians Arrested

Kaunas, Mar. 22. A number of Lithuanians are reported to have been arrested by the Nazis in Memel.—Reuter.

Paris Nervous

Paris, Mar. 23. The press generally sees a threat to Poland in the German occupation of Memel.

Le Petit Journal urges in order to avoid the encirclement of Poland that Paris and London should promote the re-grouping around Warsaw of all the Baltic States threatened by Germany.

Humanite states that the independence of Poland and Rumania can be saved, but only by a collective effort by the countries threatened by the Hitler push, and collaboration of these countries with the democratic Powers.—Reuter.

Britain Attacked

Berlin, Mar. 23. The jubilation of the press over the return of Memel is interspersed with attacks on Sir Samuel Hoare for his reference in the House of Commons to an "ultimatum to Lithuania." Such an ultimatum is flatly denied.

The Hamburger Fremdenblatt writes that the path of victory of right and order is paved with British protest, and warns Poland against following Britain.—Reuter Special.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

gullotine gullotine
liquidation liquidation
liquify liquify
English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 6.

Labour Problem In Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 23. Mr. Hiroshi Shimomura, of the Kenkyukai, pointed out in the House of Peers this morning that when the China Incident has been concluded, able-bodied men would return to farming villages and cause a surplus of labour in the country.

Advising that the excessive labour should be exported to the Continent, especially to Manchukuo, he asked the Government as to a policy of co-ordinating agricultural developments between Japan, Manchukuo and China.

Agriculture and Forestry Minister Sakurazaki admitted the inevitability of an excess of labour, and said that adequate measures would be taken to immigrate agricultural labour to Manchuria and North China.—Domel.

Britain

The Lebruns' Busy Time In London

London, Mar. 22. Both Houses of Parliament greeted the President of the French Republic and Madame Lebrun at an impressive ceremony in Westminster Hall.

After a formal reception the distinguished visitors took their seats on chairs at the top of the first flight of steps facing the members of the Lords and Commons with their ladies seated to the left and right of them in the body of the hall.

The Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers occupied the front row of seats. After the playing of the Marseillaise the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker of the House of Commons read an address of welcome from both Houses and the President replied.

The ceremony ended with the playing of the Marseillaise and the National Anthem.

Before leaving the President and Madame Lebrun visited the Chambers of both Houses and were entertained by the House of Lords in the Royal Gallery.

Before returning to Buckingham Palace a visit was paid to the Unknown Warrior's grave in Westminster Abbey, where the President laid a wreath.

The President and Madame Lebrun will visit No. 10 Downing Street this evening to pay an informal call on Mrs. Chamberlain.—Reuter Bulletin.

Visit to Tomb

London, Mar. 23. President and Madame Lebrun drove to St. George's Chapel to visit the new tomb of King George V and departed for London at 3.30 p.m.

At 5 p.m. they attended a reception at the National Gallery by the United Association of France and Britain.—United Press.

Dines At Foreign Office

London, Mar. 23. Before leaving the Royal borough of Windsor, President Lebrun received an address from the Mayor.

A reception will be given by the United Associations to President and Madame Lebrun who are dining at the Foreign Office to-night.—British Wireless.

Philippines

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Peiping Government And Economic Control

Peiping, Mar. 23. The agenda of the Provisional Government's economic mission to Japan, which is leaving to-morrow, reveals that the mission is practically inviting the Japanese Government to take control of all economic affairs in China.

Trade problems to be discussed will be first, Customs duties on imported rayon, semi-silk and semi-woollen manufactures, electrical machinery, locomotives, agricultural machinery, sea products and fertilizers; second, the standard for assessing Customs rates—the agenda hopes the duties will be made the same as those in Manchukuo, with wool duty-free and coal and charcoal paying as small a duty as in Manchukuo; third, reduction or abolition of the import tariff for South China products such as tung oil, which are not produced in North China, but the flour tariff to be kept high to promote production in North China; and, fourth, abolition of the Customs gold unit which shall be replaced by Federal Reserve Bank notes.

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Italy

IMPORTANT SPEECH BY KING

Victor Emanuel Makes Friendly Greeting

Rome, Mar. 23. The King in a speech inaugurating the new Chamber of Fascists and corporations this morning revealed that the Government in a note to the French Government on December 17 laid down the points of difference dividing the countries at that moment.

Referring to Britain, the King said that it has been possible to come to an agreement re-creating the situation which the Geneva measures (sanctions) largely compromised. He also mentioned the necessity of continuing and amplifying the armed forces of Italy.

The King paid a tribute to his Government for its efforts towards organising the economic life of Italy, and stated that particularly friendly relations have been established with Albania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Poland and Switzerland.—Reuter Special.

Desire for Peace

Rome, Mar. 23. In his speech the King said: "To develop the resources of our Empire, Italy, although not juggling herself in the illusion of perpetual peace, desires that peace should last as long as possible. With this aim—that of peace for us and for all—our armed forces must be oriented. Much has been done, but much more must be done, because our armaments regarding both quantity and quality both in the air and sea should not be inferior to others. As for men Italy has no preoccupation, and as for their morale she can be proud of them."

The exceptional expenses sustained by the war in Spain and the war in Africa have imposed extraordinary efforts on the State's finances. This exceptional finance is in relation to an equally exceptional period of our history and that of Europe.

"I have greatly appreciated the efforts of my Government and all economic organisations which have accomplished and are accomplishing to reach the maximum possibilities of economic independence—a condition which is a sine qua non of this policy.—United Press.

No Peace Yet

Rome, Mar. 23. The King concluded his speech by saying that Europe had not yet found peace. This had been proved by the collapse of certain artificial and political structures erected after the world war.

"We were living in difficult times which shaped the character of the peoples," he said, "hence there could be no doubt about the future of the Italian peoples. Italy has been steel in war and, thanks to its national solidarity, will accomplish the tasks set before it.—Trans-Ocean.

PARIS REACTION

Paris, Mar. 23. Authoritative circles are somewhat puzzled by King Victor Emmanuel's speech. It is pointed out that the Italian note of December 17 did not contain precise demands.

A message from Rome states that the King's reference to the note to France concerns repudiation by Italy of the 1935 Franco-Italian Treaty.

News of the repudiation became known in Paris on December 22. An impression prevails in Italian political circles that some effort by Britain and France to show that by-gones must be by-gones is of paramount urgency.

The friendliness reference to Britain, and the absence of feeling of bitterness with regard to France is felt significant.

The sobriety of the reference to the Rome-Berlin axis is also marked.

"The King's reticence cannot fail to arouse notice in Berlin and elsewhere," remarked an Italian listener.—Reuter.

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The agenda hopes that Japanese traders will handle the exports to three countries "since the Chinese merchants are not accustomed to such business."

Imports of Japanese goods are to be speeded up through enlargement of Tientsin Harbour and an increase in the number of vessels plying between China and Japan. The Japanese are also asked to supply technical super-visors for Chinese owned factories and to help investigate new markets.

The agenda emphasises the need for industrial co-operation and asks for Japanese technicians and capital to help increase the production of cotton, wheat, tobacco, rice and livestock, and open Chinese mines, with the exception of those already controlled.—United Press.

French Loan Issue

Tokyo, Mar. 23. Viscount Kiko Okochi suggested in the House of Peers yesterday that the Government should take adequate measures for an amicable settlement of the French-Japanese dispute over the payment of interest on the French loan issued by the Tokyo Municipality.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Ishikawa said that the issue was whether the interest should be paid in gold franc or paper franc. The Tokyo Municipality was proposing to pay it in paper, while the French authorities were requesting to have it paid in gold.—Domel.

North China

TSINGTAO HARBOUR RE-OPENED

TSingtao, 23. The Japanese Consul-General Mr. Denjiro Kato, officially announced this morning that the great harbour at Tsingtao is being opened to Third Power shipping on and after March 25.—Reuter.

Third Powers' Reaction

Shanghai, Mar. 23. The Japanese authorities indicated to-day the reopening of the Yangtze to foreign shipping, but the date is indefinite and contingent on military necessity.

Meanwhile they announce the reopening of the port of Tientsin. Neutral circles point out, however, that Tsingtao has not been opened until after Peking's currency regulations of March 10 were effective.

Some believe that the Yangtze will be closed until the North China economic restrictions are extended to Central China. It is pointed out that the re-opening of ports and rivers are of minor significance so long as the new economic restrictions are enforced.

Semi-official Japanese sources say that the Third Powers' interpretation of the re-opening of Tsingtao as an empty gesture, would probably result in no further gestures.

It is understood that two godown-leases for general cargo and one berth for petroleum cargo will be allocated as a commencement in Tsingtao.—United Press.

Japanese Consul's Statement

Shanghai, Mar. 23. The hope that Third Powers will realise how Japan respects their peaceful trading and will therefore co-operate in the establishment of the new order in East Asia was expressed by the Japanese Consul-General at Tsingtao in a statement announcing the re-opening of the outer harbour to foreign shipping from March 25.

Replying to questions at a press conference here, a Japanese spokesman assured a foreign correspondent that the same principle would apply to the Yangtze which would be reopened to foreign shipping when military necessity permitted.—Reuter.

The China War

Resistance To Invasion Still Strong

Washington, Mar. 23. It is learned that confidential reports from the interior of China have caused the impression in diplomatic circles that Chinese unity is increasing.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will probably be able to prolong the warfare indefinitely, said the reports, which indicated that, barring unpredictable developments abroad, China's chances of prolonging organised struggle had not deteriorated recently and that sufficient supplies were still arriving including considerable supplies from Russia. It is believed that the Eighth Route Army is offering good resistance.

The reports confirmed that there was wider support from the people of South China for the Central Government than seemed likely following the fall of Canton.

Reports that the Japanese are reinforcing the Russian border Garrison has not excited particular interest in view of past "scare"—United Press.

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"HOT" FAVOURITES HAD LEAN TIME IN FIRST EXTRA

MR. ENCARNACAO SCORES FIRST WIN ON AUSSIE

(By "Captain Foster")

Generally speaking, favourites had a lean afternoon at the First Extra Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club held last Saturday, but there was present a good turn out of the regular followers of the turf.

Apart from the good racing and a few juicy dividends which enlivened the meet, Mr. Charlie Encarnacao must have been tickled to death over his success in the Sub-Griffins Plate on September 24 and I hear he is still under the care of a vet.

STARTING SOON

There are in addition a few good ones such as Cameronian, Confusion Bay, Dawn Star, Half-Moon Eye and Happy Eve who did not face the starter at the Annual Carnival, in the Hongkong Handicap, first and second sections respectively, but the chance of securing a "hat-trick" on "Shilling Time" was missed in the first section (second section) only ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao. The latter had two wins (King Kong and Silver Star), both being in the first and second sections of the Tytam Handicap and incidentally Mr. Tao provided the combination for the double betting which paid \$1,054.70 for a five dollar ticket. I have not a long memory, but I think Mr. Tao is now the sixth jockey who rode the two winners in the double event.

Messrs. Eu Tong-sen and T. E. Peace were the most successful owners, each having two wins. It was a pity that Desert Chief could not accept the Hongkong Handicap (first section) as the chestnut gelding was under suspicion but it is to be hoped that he will soon be donning the silk. Mr. Eu

Tong-sen's Smiling Thru, who was the second best 1938 sub-griffin, has not appeared in public after his successful run in the Sub-Griffins Plate on September 24 and I hear he is still under the care of a vet.

It may be of interest to know that Mr. Eric Moller's Navylight, who pulled up lame after running second to Rose Elect in the Hongkong Derby, is now in Shanghai and it is reliably learned that the mare will not be seen in action until after the recess.

It has been represented to me on good authority that Helman, belonging to the Chairman of the Club, and Trentbridge, owned by Mrs. T. E. Peace, have been destroyed, the latter being the winner of the 1933 Blue Riband. Among the Australian ponies, Mr. Li Lan-sun's Courting Eve is back on the course, but I have not as yet seen Mr. J. F. Macgregor's Strathroy who has spent the winter in England, property of three Medicos. It is in a very bad condition and there is a possibility of destroying the animal.

China Ponies Provide Useful Information For Future Racing

Last Saturday's racing was not only excellent, but gave us some good line for the future. The running of some China ponies, specially among the batch of subscription-griffins of this season, showed clearly the difference between handicap and class form.

After a sequence of five unsuccessful outings, Mr. G. Trevelton rode a clever race on the winner, Avon, belonging to Sir Vandeleur Grayburn in the Lotteries Stakes over six furlongs, beating Pencil View with Mr. J. L. Te by a neck. It was a notice event, the jockeys being penalised with a penalty of 2 lbs. for each race won and in the circumstance Mr. Trevelton had a pull of six pounds. The jockey on Pencil View made the running at the release of the barrier followed by Avon, and the first quarter was covered in 28½ seconds, which was too fast a run up the Black Rock. The second quarter was negotiated in about the same time, but both ponies were crawling along in the home stretch with 12 seconds for the last quarter. It was, however, a good fight, Jennifer, who let the public down badly, failed to strike her best, but will no doubt be in better condition at the Easter meeting.

A SURPRISE

The glorious uncertainty of racing was witnessed in the Tytam Handicap (first section) over a mile for China ponies, subscription-griffins, when Musketeer (who finished third) went under badly to King Kong and Strathbannock. It was certainly a big surprise for King Kong as the pony had only a win at the Annual Race Meeting. It must, however, not be overlooked that King Kong had a pull of 23 lbs. against Musketeer and the difference in weight was too much for the Valley Stakes winner to concede. Apart from the interest shown in the first handicap event, with a field containing winners and placed subscription-griffins of the season, Musketeer was selected by the betting public as the best kill of the afternoon.

The students of form poured out money like water on the chestnut charger and the fighter was backed to the tune of 2,123 tickets for a win out of a total sum of over 4,000 odd. However, the result of this classic handicap event showed that Musketeer, Orange Boven and Fortrush could not carry extra lead over the weight for inches as per scale. Contrary to expectations, Chatterbox refused to line up, but 15 runners weighed out and the mile was run in 2:01½ which was an amazing performance.

Boxing

CHAMPION MISJUDGES THE COUNT

Liverpool, Mar. 23. Ernie Roderick, 10st. 5 lbs., of Liverpool, won the British welterweight boxing title to-night, knocking out the holder, Jake Kilrain, 10st. 6 lbs., of Glasgow, in the seventh round of their scheduled 15-round bout. The winner fought back savagely in the sixth, sending Kilrain down with a right to the jaw. Kilrain landed a blow to the heart down again with another right. Kilrain then misjudged the count and was counted out while resting on one knee.—*Reuter*.

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Eastern Beat Royal Scots On Sodden Ground

ODD GOAL IN SEVEN SETTLES ISSUE OF SENIOR SOCCER TIE

With rain falling intermittently and the ground sodden, conditions were far from ideal yesterday afternoon when Eastern met the Royal Scots in the First Division of the Hongkong Football League on the Club ground. The surface was so slippery that to keep on one's feet was difficult and as a result good ball control was more or less out of the question. Nevertheless during the 70 minutes of football, no fewer than seven goals were scored, the Chinese beating the soldiers by the odd goal.

A peculiar feature of the game was the number of scoring opportunities missed, but this was due almost entirely to the players' inability to control the ball.

Considering the conditions prevailing, the two teams played extraordinarily good football in mid-field and there was much in the approach work of both sides. But when the forwards got to within shooting distance, however, they were not so impressive.

The game started off with an early thrill, the Scots being unlucky not to take the lead in the first minute. Cook, on the right, sent the ball in after a good run, but the ball skidded past with the inside forwards looking on helplessly. The Scots had another opportunity shortly afterwards to go ahead, but Parnaby's shot went wide. The Chinese then had their period of attacking but they also met with no success.

DING DONG BATTLE

Exchanges were very even at this stage, the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other without result until the Eastern attack finally succeeded in penetrating the Scots' defence. Hou Ching-to tore away on the left wing and sent in a shot which Duncan pushed out to Yu Yuch-shing. The latter shot for goal but the ball struck Park and rebounded into play, whereupon Hsu King-shing pounced on it and scored.

Rather against the run of play, Eastern went further ahead shortly afterwards, Lee Tack-kee adding their second goal.

The soldiers fought back gallantly, however, in spite of this reverse and before long had got on level terms, MacDougall being the scorer on both occasions.

In the second half, Eastern made several determined attacks and were unfortunate not to score in the first few minutes. The soldiers weathered the storm, and after a re-arrangement in the forward line, they went ahead for the first time when Bailey broke through to score.

Eastern drew level soon afterwards from a corner, Lee Tack-kee heading the ball into the net. With the scores tied, both sides went all out in the closing minutes when Lee Tack-kee was given a perfect pass and he made no mistake.

Teams: Eastern:—Lau Hin-hon; Tsui Bo-wan, Mew Wah-kwok; Lau Shih-tan, Tsang Chung-wan, Lo Wai-shuen; Chan Ping-to, Yu Yuch-shing, Lee Tack-kee, Tsu King-shing, Hau Ching-to. Royal Scots:—Duncan, Park, Fraser, Brown, Marshall, Clarke, Cook, Parnaby, MacDougall, Bailey, Bankier.

RUGGER RELATIONS PATCHED UP

Britain And France Bury Hatchet

Paris, Mar. 23. The "olive branch" extended by four British Rugby Unions in an effort to resume rugby relations with France is welcomed by sporting circles here.

The newspaper *Auto* hails the letter from the British Unions as a "joyful thunder-clap in the rugby world," but states that everything was by no means settled. It points out that the French Federation is holding an extraordinary meeting on Sunday to discuss the letter and its terms, which included the abandonment of the French Championship which hitherto had been the chief obstacle to resuming matches.

It is understood the conditions also included permanent suspension of managers who paid or are still paying players and that managers and players who have been concerned with the Professional League should not be reinstated by the French Federation which must also observe the International Board's Rules, namely "A player ordered off should not be allowed to return to the field."

M. Laurent, Secretary of the French Federation, says all conditions are easily acceptable and believed the Federation will suggest that England and France play in Paris on January 1, 1940.—*Reuter*.

Rugger Matches At Home

The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby Union to-day:

Birkenhead Park 9 Blackheath 13
Bath 3 Weston-Super-Mare 7
—*Reuter*.

FINE WEATHER AND GOOD GOING FOR GRAND NATIONAL

Many Horses Expected To Finish In The Race

London, Mar. 23. With an outsider, Squadron Castle, winning the first leg of the spring double, book-makers are sitting pretty over the Grand National, especially as the race is considered one of the most open in many years with no horse competing comparable with giants of the past like Manifesto and Cloister.

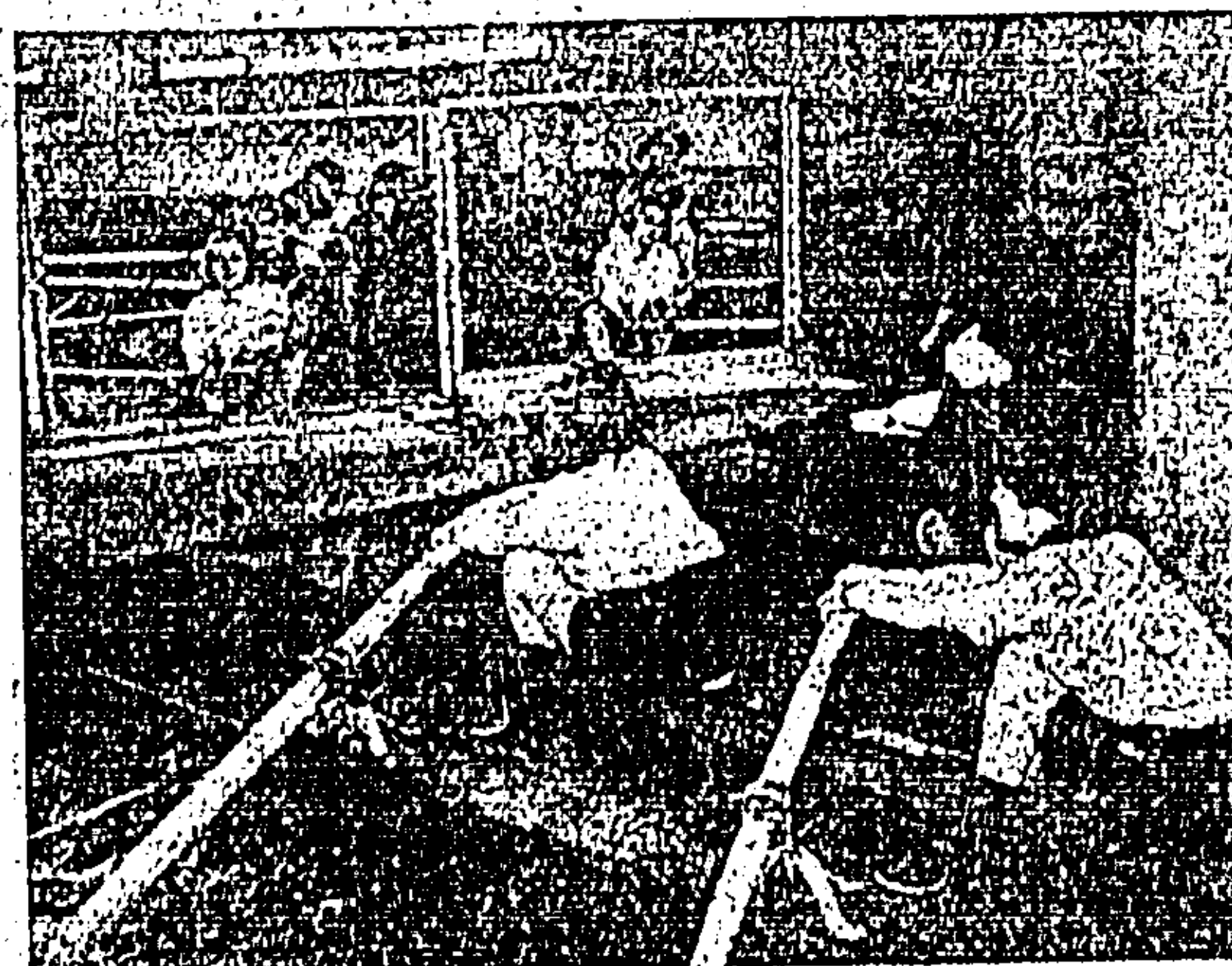
Fine weather and good going are likely to result in a large number of finishers and there will be no debacle like 1928—when only two finished. This, however, makes the picking of the winner even more difficult. One of the most interesting runners will be Drim, who finished the course last year. He will be ridden by the young amateur jockey, Mr. Jack Morris, who has only recently taken up riding. Mr. Morris will win £7,500 for an outlay of £71 if Drim wins. He found layers to wager 100 to 60 against him completing the first circuit, 500 to 10 against him getting over the first fence and 1,000 to one against him winning the race.

A lot of late money has been wagered recently on Blue Shirt, who finished seventh last year when starting as a joint favourite. He was backed to win £11,000 last night.—*Reuter*.

Kilstar Still The Favourite

London, Mar. 23. The following is the latest call-over:

- 8/1 Kilstar (t and o)
- 10/1 Workman (t and o)
- 10/1 Royal Danell (t and o)
- 100/8 Trenchwillow (t and o)
- 100/8 Royal Mail (o), 100/8 (t)
- 100/8 Blue Shirt (o), 18/1 (t)
- 20/1 Inverable (o), 25/1 (t)
- 20/1 Rockquilla (t and o)
- 25/1 Cooleen (t and o)
- 25/1 Brendan's Cottage (t and o)
- 28/1 Underbird (t and o)
- 28/1 Macmofat (t and o)
- 28/1 St. George (o), 30/1 (t)
- 30/1 Dunhill Castle (t and o)
- 35/1 Perfect Part (o), 40/1 (t)
- 40/1 Dominick's Cross (t and o)
- 40/1 Montreleau (o)
- 40/1 War Vessel (o), 45/1 (t)
- 40/1 Milano (o)
- 40/1 Red Freeman (o)
- 50/1 Black Hawk (o)
- 50/1 Red Hillman (o)
- 50/1 Sporting Piper (o)
- 60/1 Bachelor Prince (o)
- 60/1 Strathisla (o)
- 60/1 Pencil (o)
- 60/1 Lucky Penny (o)
- 60/1 Lucky Patch (o), 80/1 (t)
- 80/1 West Point (o), 100/1 (t)
- 100/1 Drim (t and o)
- 100/1 Birth Gift (o)
- 100/1 Memerist (o)
- 100/1 Second Act (o)
- 100/1 Deslys (o)



LONDON UNIVERSITY GIRLS receiving rowing instruction in the tank at Chiswick. The crew met Oxford University women at Oxford recently.

Special Homeseide Soccer Forecast

The following teams are specially selected to win in the Home Football programme tomorrow:

Home Winners

Leeds
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Tottenham
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Barnsley
Bradford C.
Oldham
Stockport

Optional Selections

Coventry
Southampton
West Bromwich
Southend
Lincoln

All-India Team To Play Recreio

The following have been chosen to represent the All-India XI in a friendly hockey game against the Club de Recreio on Sunday, March 26 at 10.15 a.m. sharp on the Recreio ground: (Weather permitting):

N. C. Sen-Gupta (H.K. University); Gusein Singh (Kumaon Rifles); Datta Ram (Raj. Rifles); M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.); Lall Singh (Kumaon Rifles); M. H. Hassan (Radio); Hav. Shih Wali (Raj. Rifles); Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); L. A. Prithamath (Raj. Rifles); Captain, Neraln Singh (Kumaon Rifles); and Partab (Kumaon Rifles).

K.C.C. Team To Play Police

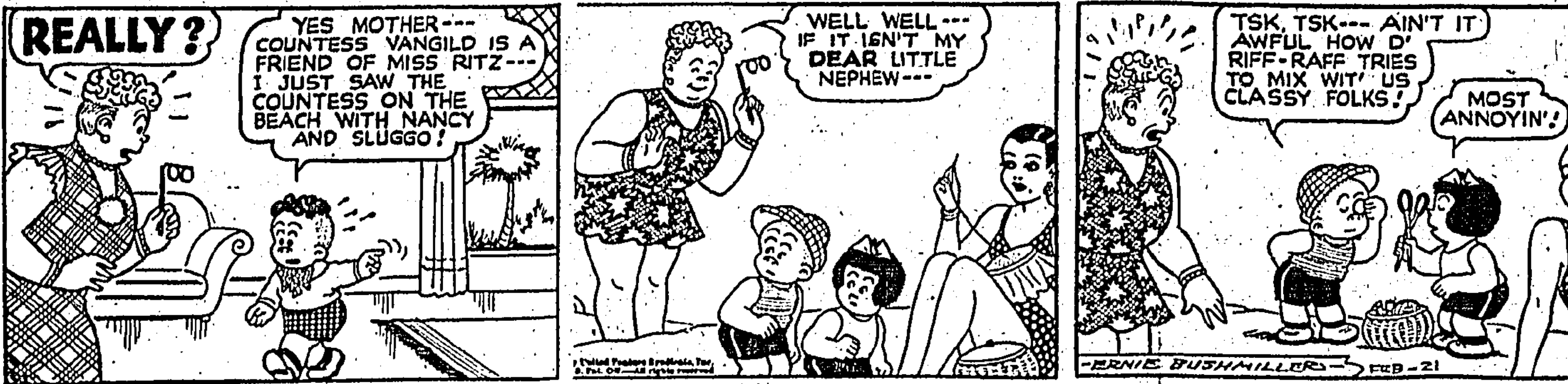
The following will represent the K.C.C. in a second division league cricket match against the Police at Happy Valley to-morrow: W. Mulcahy (captain), T. A. Madar, F. A. Broadbridge, S. A. Gray, B. D. Lay, G. A. Goodban, G. E. Taylor, J. R. Luke, W. L. McKenzie, R. Baldwin, and R. A. Simpson. Umpire: H. Brokenshire.



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By Ernie Bushmiller

Satisfactory Entries For Fanling Meet

Special Dollar Sweep On St. John Cup Race The Main Attraction

(By "Captain Foster")

Very good entries have been received for the Spring Meeting, which will be the last of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club to be held at Kwanti on Sunday. The St. John Cup, which is a handicap flat event for "D" class China ponies, is the main event.

In connection with the major contest, a special dollar cash sweep is being conducted by the race club and the cost of a book of ten tickets is \$10 which can be obtained at the Secretaries' Office, Hongkong Bank Building, or the Cash Sweep Department, 10 Connaught Road Central. There will be no more hurdling and steeplechasing after Sunday, but it must be admitted that the season 1938/1939 has been a very successful one and the Stewards of the Fanling Club are to be complimented upon in providing the racing public with plenty of thrills and good sport.

The growing popularity of country racing has been proved by increased attendance at every meeting, but let it be understood that without the flat events, the Kwanti racecourse executives will find a hard proposition to keep their heads above water. The turnover in both the pari-mutuel and cash sweep departments will not doubt show a considerable advance on last season's figure and this was, no doubt, due to the patronage of the "small men." Without them there will be no racing and it is to be hoped that they will receive a little more consideration for their comfort during next jumping season. Seating accommodation is one of their chronic complaints and I am sure that the Stewards of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will not turn a deaf ear to this request.

Fanling Club opened their season on Boxing Day, but that meeting there were a good few spills owing to the fact that the ponies did not receive proper schooling. There is no doubt, however, that the "chasers and hurdlers are now clearing the obstacles without any trouble and have reason to believe that a big crowd will be motoring out to see the last meeting, the first event being timed to run off at 2.45 p.m. sharp.

BAN ON WINNERS SHOULD PROVIDE A SPLENDID RACE

The opening event will be the Shataukok Handicap, which is a steeplechase for China ponies over 1½ miles and the ban on winners has precluded the entry of Diogenes and Ebony Idol. Judging by the allotment of lead, it looks as if we shall see a fine race provided of course that all the jockeys can draw the proper weight. It was an eye-sore at every meeting to see ponies weighing out with colossal extra burden of the lead and surely it was not fair to the official handicapper who had to use his wit in adjusting the poundage. However, zero is at the top of the tree among the list of entries, but I am afraid that he may not last the distance of 1½ miles.



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I like Three Farthings, who has improved in every outing and with a bit of luck he should win. Double Chance is not a bad "chaser" provided, of course, he does not run past the wing. Mortmain, the winner of the Governor's Cup at the last meeting, is nicely weighted below zero with a pull of 10 lbs. and the best nut in the paddock. Lucky Again has never appeared in public over the fences and I know nothing about the pony.

March Brown Favoured To Win Here

The Drug Hunters' Plate, which is a hurdle race for home-bred hunters over the Derby course, has attracted 13 China ponies and with the exception of winners carrying 107 lbs. all others have to shoulder 160 lbs. It will be recalled that March Brown, who was my fancy for the Governor's Cup at the last meeting, ran out and did not complete the course. I still nominate him for the event and I trust the bay gelding will not let me down on Sunday. The old timer, King's Parade, will have to be watched and Clowner should fill the third position.

Even Fight For Brisbane H'cap

With Brutus, Stratherrick and Teviotdale out of the race, I expect to see a good field for the Brisbane Handicap, a steeplechase over 1½ miles. A good tussle over the brier and brush will result between Glorious Star, Spark Plug, Spectrum and Streamline. Spectrum is my fancy.

MAIN RACE WILL HAVE BIG PRIZE

Chief interest will be centred on the St. John Cup, a handicap for "D" class China ponies and the run is over a mile. Last year the St. John Cup was a handicap hurdle event and the winner, Clowner, presented the lucky drawer of ticket No. 21503 with a first prize of \$14,022.57 for a dollar chance. It is not possible to predict what the first prize will be worth on Sunday, but I understand that it will be much more than last year's sum. Royal Highness holds the post of honour with 163 lbs. and the mare has something to think about when she gets on the Kwanti racecourse. When they clashed in the Oldtimers' Handicap at Fanling not very long ago, the winner (Royal Highness) conceded 2 lbs. to the second pony (Plain View) whereas on Sunday the latter has a pull of 10 lbs. for a beating of half-a-length and one has therefore to consider the chance of Plain View. Flyby night has not much lead to worry and I like him on account of his performance in the Jockey Cup at the big meeting. Ebony Idol, the winner of Fanling Blue Riband, looks tempting at only 147 lbs. and so does Emergency Call with an impost of 143 lbs.

HOBART PLATE

In the Hobart Plate for Australian ponies of this season (imported by the senior club) over six furlongs, the order of finish should be in my estimation, Bruno, African Diamond and Schmetteling.

SUBS' SCURRY

The Subs' Scurry over half a mile for China ponies, subscription griffins, will be an interesting event for there are 13 entries. The scramble should be between Avalon, National Service



Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and Paulette Goddard in David Selznick's "The Young in Heart," showing at the King's Theatre to-morrow. The picture is released through United Artists.

CYCLING CLUB EVENTS Invitation Handicap Run Over Kowloon Course

The open hill-climb, arranged by the Hongkong Cycling Club, on Sunday, March 26, has been cancelled, owing to lack of entries. The Club has arranged an Invitation Handicap, 50 miles, over the Kowloon circuit course, on Sunday, April 16, to which the leading Colony cyclists will be invited. Awards for the first, second and third handicap places have been kindly donated by Messrs. R. H. McDowell and P. Stanley.

Cricket Selections For League

The following will represent the Craigengower C.C. in League cricket matches against the Hongkong C.C. to-morrow:
1st XI (away).—E. Zimmermann (Capt.), A. Zimmermann, F. R. Zimmermann, D. Hung, W. L. Rapley, W. Hong Sing, A. K. Ismail, A.K.H. Esmail, C. Souza, P. J. Billimoria and A. B. Hamsay.
2nd XI (home).—B. R. Inance (Capt.), J. L. Young Saye, A. M. Omar, G. Winch, H. P. Lim, C. W. Lam, W. K. Way, T. Locke, N. Broadbridge, U. Esmail and M. C. Hung.

and Patriotic Day and I expect to see them crossing the wire in that position.

SELECTIONS MADE BY "CAPT. FOSTER"

My selections are as follows:

SHATAUKOK HANDICAP

Three Farthings.
Zero.
Double Chance.

DRAG HUNTERS' PLATE

March Brown.
King's Parade.
Clowner.

BRISBANE HANDICAP

Spectrum.
Spark Plug.
Streamline.

ST. JOHN CUP

Flybynight.
Plain View.
Royal Highness.

HOBART PLATE

Bruno.
African Diamond.
Schmetteling.

SUBS' SCURRY

Avalon.
National Service.
Patriotic Day.

OUT. SPELLING-BEE (see page 7)

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PONIES AUCTIONED AT VALLEY

Thirty-one ponies, Australian and China, were sold under the hammer at the Jockey Club paddock, Happy Valley, yesterday. The highest bid of the day was \$525 for Ranger, an Australian. The complete list was as follows:

A Testing Time, \$25, K. Neeldeman.
A Lovely Time, \$20, A. V. White.
The Giant Panda, not sold.
Ranger, \$525, Chanson Feng.
Eve Of Shyness, \$25, A. V. White.
Calmsmore, \$300, Y. M. Loo.
Hellum, \$90, Dr. L. Roldy.
King's Worth, \$85, S. W. Tang.
Malolo, \$80, Sub. Lt. Lock, H.M.S. Diana.
Final Triumph, not sold.
Mongol, \$10, Capt. Whitehead.
Sports Gesture, \$75, S. W. Cheng.
Yue Yee, \$10, Mrs. Cooper.
Golden Arrow, \$75, K. Neeldeman.
Dorachillo, \$65, Robert Chiu.
Yum Sing, not sold.
China Pony, \$15, H. S. Yung.
Labour Day, not sold.
Wood Nymph, not sold.
African Diamond, \$60, A. V. White.

Gold Tower, \$225, F. C. Ka.
High Jump, \$105, S. W. Cheng.
Alligator, \$100, G. Trevorton.
Mayfair Court, \$95, S. W. Cheng.
Hurricane, \$105, H. S. Yung.
Cordito, \$30, P. C. Yuen.
Danielle, \$35, Li Po-chun.
Mac's Second Adventure, \$15, T. H. G. Brayfield.
Hopefulleg, \$5, Mrs. Cooper.
Soldier of China, not sold.

Softball Schedule For Week-End

The following is the local Softball League schedule for the week-end:
International Series—Canada v Portugal.
A. 7 p.m., 10 a.m. China v U.S.A. (C.B. A.), Noon.

Girls' League—Canadian Chinese v Wildcat (F.I.), 10 a.m.; Cardinals v Panthers (F.I.), 11.15 a.m.; Filipino v Pirates (F.I.), 2.30 p.m.

Inter-Hong League—American Express v Charterbank (F.I.), 1 p.m.; Green Sports v Kai Tak (Kai Tak), 2.15 p.m.; Union Insurance v Texas (Kai Tak), 4 p.m.; China Underwriters v Lucas.

BILLIARDS LEAGUE CONCLUDES

The Steel Coulson Billiards, Snooker and Darts League were successfully concluded on March 20, when the Craigengower Cricket Club and the Garrison Sergeants' Mess played-off for runners-up position of the Billiards Section. The Craigengower C.C. won with the following scores:

C.C.C.	G. S. Mess
Leonard 150	Gill 130
Lewis 150	Brittlebank 96
Kitchell 150	Carden 110

Highest break, Lewis 55.

The combined Leagues proved most popular, and the thanks of the organisers are due to all teams for the ready manner in which fixtures have been played.

Silver Challenge cups and prizes are being awarded to the winners and runners-up in each Section, with special awards to the following players:

Billiards.—Lewis (C.C.C.) break 55; Rakusen (C.S.C.C.) break 100. Snooker.—Leonard (C.C.C.), Pittam (G.S.M.) and Brown (C.P.O.R.C.), break 22.
Darts.—Highest game finish, Sabey (P.R.C.), 110; Highest score, Marvin (R.N.Y.P.) 141.

The annual Steel Coulson dance and presentation of trophies and prizes will be held at the China Fleet Club Theatre on Saturday, April 15. Attendance by invitation only.

The final League Tables were as follow:

Billiards	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Civil Service C.C.	12	8	4	21	10	21
Craigengower C.C.	12	8	4	21	10	21
Garrison Sergeants' Mess	12	9	3	21	15	21
Chief & Petty Officers R.C.	12	4	8	15	21	15
Police R.C.	12	5	7	14	22	14
Royal Naval Police	12	3	9	12	24	12
R.E. Sergeants' Mess	12	3	9	12	24	12
Highest break, Rakusen (C.S.C.C.) 50.						
Runners-up play-off—Craigengower v pta. G.S.M. nil, Break, Lewis 55.						

Snooker

Garrison Sergeants' Mess.	12	9	3	21	10	21
Chief & Petty Officers R.C.	12	9	3	23	13	22
Civil Service C.C.	12	7	5	20½	15½	22
Police R.C.	12	8	4	20	16	22
Craigengower C.C.	12	3	9	13	23	11
Royal Naval Police	12	3	9	13	24	11
R.E. Sergeants' Mess.	12	3	9	11½	24½	11
Highest game finish—						
Sabey, 110 (P.R.C.).						
Highest score—Marvin,						
141 (R.N.Y.P.).						

Darts

	P	W	L	F	A
Police R.C.	7	5	2	20.	9
Chief & Petty Officers R.C.	8	5	3	21	10
R.E. Sergeants' Mess.	8	3	5	17	23
Imperial Cafe	7	2	5	10	19
Royal Naval Police	8	4	4	15	25
Highest game finish—Sabey, (P.R.C.).					

INDOOR BOWLING

First Round Of Second Stage Of Ewo League

At the Hongkong Bowling Alleys last evening, the Strollers beat the Movies by 139 points in the first round of the second stage of the Ewo League. Scores:

Strollers	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
E. Chum	12	9	3	21	10	21
A. Zimmermann	12	8	4	21	10	21
E. Zimmermann	12	8	4	21	10	21
A. V. White	12	8	4	21	10	21
Total						1075
Movies	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
T. A. Madar	12	8	4	21	10	21
C. S. Rozelle	12	8	4	21	10	21
W. K. Wong	12	8	4	21	10	21
W. K. Way	12	8	4	21	10	21
Total						1530

WAH YAN SPORTS

Owing to the inclement weather, the annual sports of the Wah Yan College, which were to have taken place yesterday at Caroline Hill, was postponed to Tuesday, March 28.

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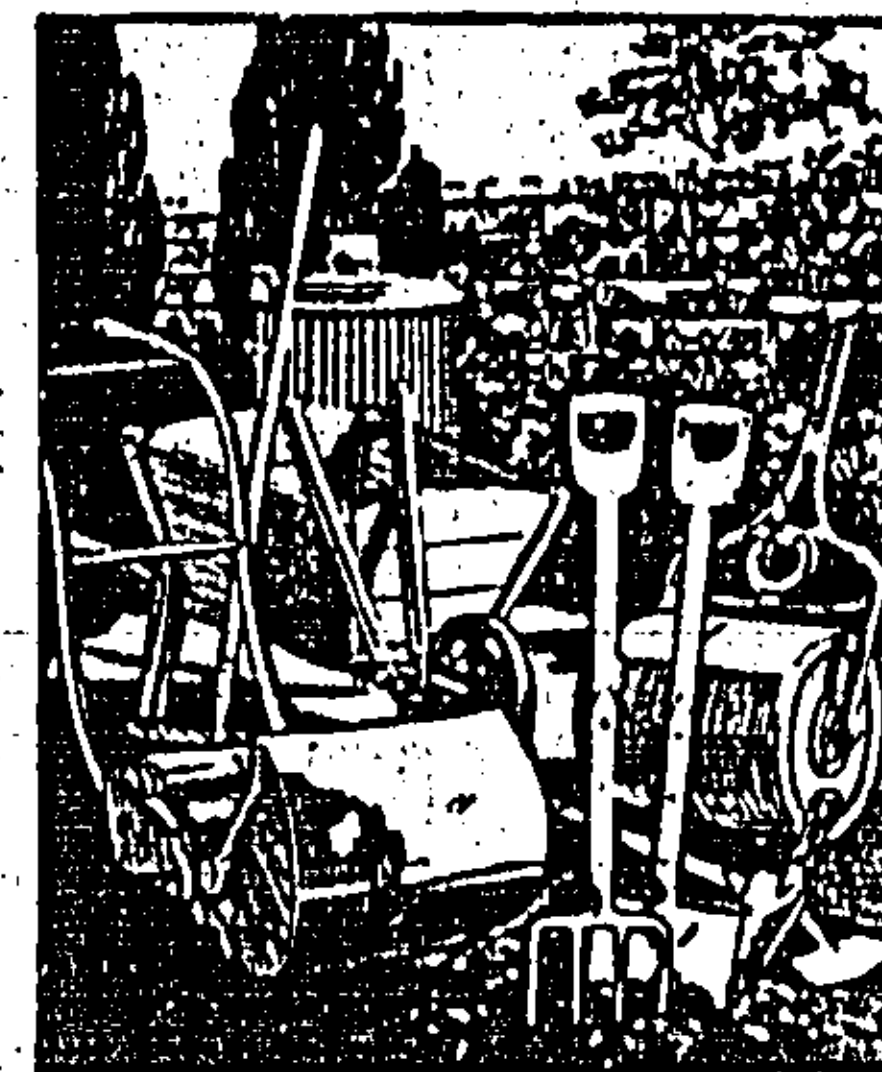
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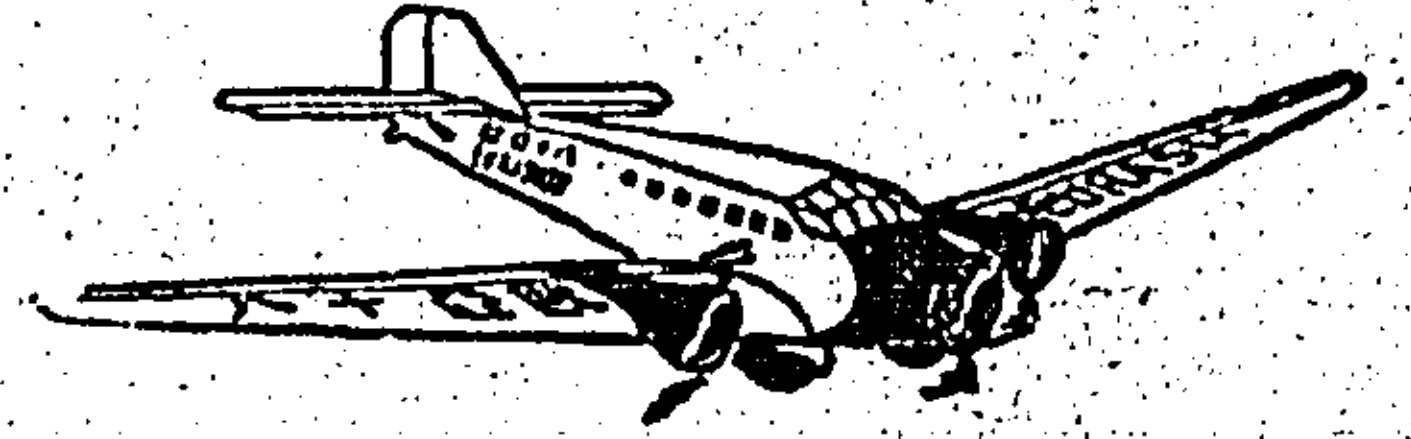
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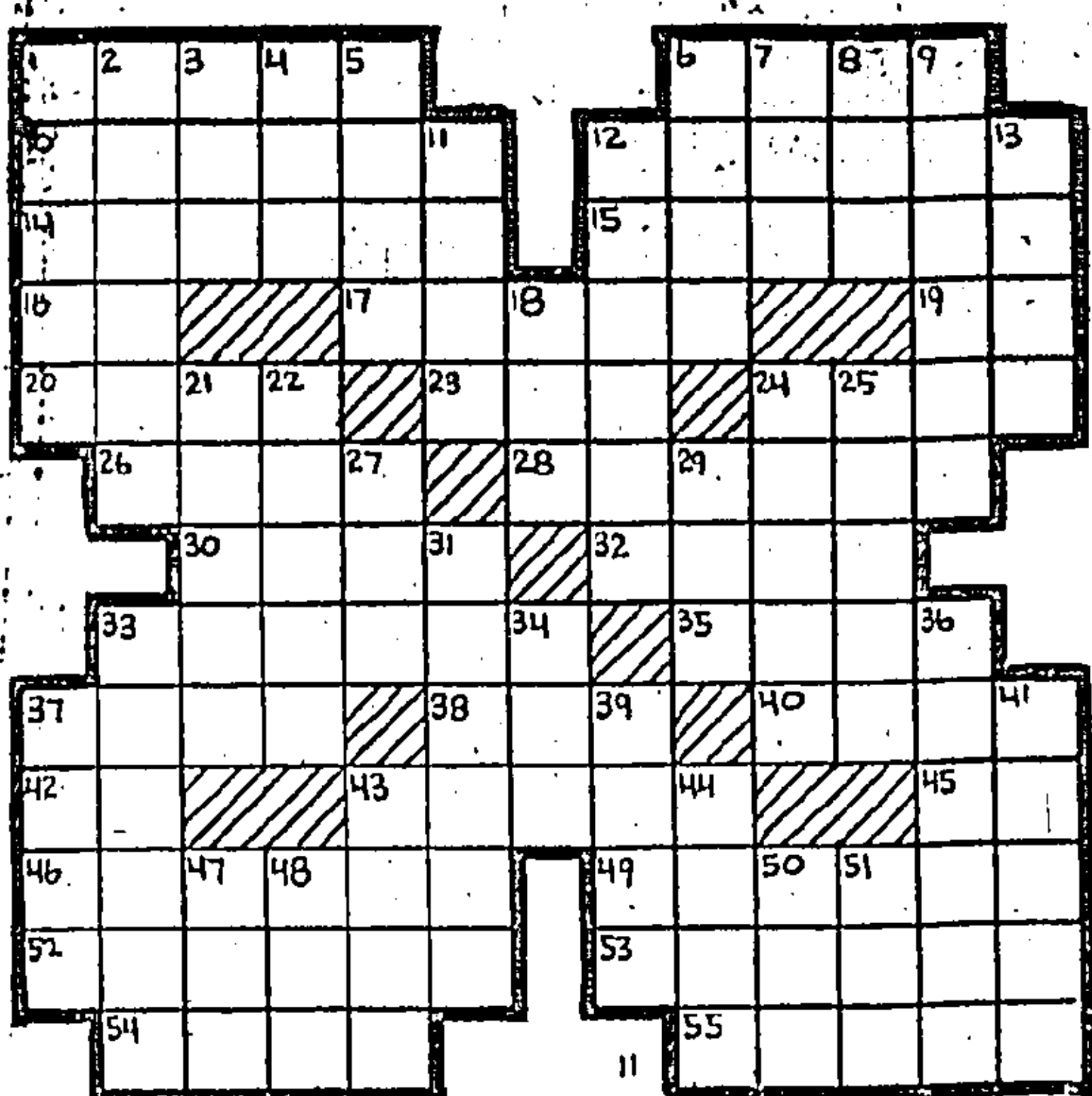
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3. Direction
4. American word for "quick"
5. Pair of the 10th Amendment
6. Half an em
7. Piece
8. Piece of neck
9. Waiting place
10. Tardy
11. Unpleasant
12. Mental science
13. Connecting dot
14. Apiece
15. Highway
16. Piece
17. Flower
18. Easily suitable
19. Emperor of Russia
20. Threefold cloth
21. Denator of Idaho
22. Exile
23. Union of Socialist
24. Soviet Republic
25. Place
26. Disputed

DOWN

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THE STORY BEHIND THE FROCK

FASHIONS have never been greater fun than they are this spring. In the evening we are all going in for fancy dress, and, what is more, we are getting used to it; in the daytime we swing along in little-girl frocks, so gay and youthful, with their wide skirts and closely-fitting little bodices.

Funny part of it—most of our little-girl frocks are a type of fancy dress, too.

Don't misunderstand me, by fancy dress I don't mean anything extraordinary or only fit for costume dances. For the true interpretation of the term "fancy dress" is really a style which has made history in the past but which has now gone out of fashion.

But this season many period styles are highlights of fashion again.

MOST popular daytime fashions of the moment, as you know, are modifications of the various picturesque peasant styles worn in parts of Normandy, Brittany, Italy and in Central Europe generally.

And I can't help thinking that all the little peasant girls who still keep to their traditional costume must be very proud to think that smart women are copying their frocks to-day.

LOOK, for instance, at the charming peasant frock shown in the sketch and compare it with the original peasant style shown in the background. Haven't they many points in common?

And hasn't the modern designer given a touch of modern sophistication to his interpretation of a simple peasant gown?

The dress is in a beautifully soft angora fabric.

THE other frock is most becoming, graceful and unique. The style is a craze of the moment in the States. It is cut all in one with a belt at the waist to regulate the fullness, and a modified cowl neckline.

You can see its inspiration in the background—the habit of a monk.

Very popular this Spring are lovely print frocks in an all-over floral design, and in the most glorious colourings.

SHORT CUTS

The flesh of fish will remain white and firm in boiling if a tablespoon of vinegar is added to the water.

Do not use abrasives in cleaning the refrigerator. Use mild soap and warm water. A solution of bicarbonate of soda in warm water will sweeten the atmosphere inside the box.

Useful Hints

To prevent lumps in gravy, add a pinch of salt to the flour used for thickening before mixing it with water.

When scrambling eggs, add a little dry, ready-to-serve cereal to the batter for larger portions and an improved flavour.

Place a Turkish towel over the table end of the sewing machine when sewing on silk material. It will keep the silk from slipping.

BEEES GET BEACH VACATION

Sydney, Australia. Sensitive vacations for overworked bees have been adopted in Australia. As a result of dry conditions, which caused the collapse of some apiaries, millions of bees are now being transferred to the seaside at Rosebud for recuperation. They seem to enjoy the seaside air.



You can see the story behind these two frocks in their actual background. The one on the left is one of the fashionable peasant styles, with a two-colour contrast on the bodice. The one on the right is of monkish inspiration. Both are typically 1939.—(Selfridge.)

Children Who Look Too Far Ahead

THERE are many children in our schools and nurseries who get little pleasure from what they are doing at the moment because of too great an anticipation of what lies ahead. Something went wrong evidently with the early home training of these young people. Or, perhaps, neither parents or nurses realised that small children can be taught to concentrate.

To arouse the concentrative habit we must first get a child's interest, and this can only be maintained for a relatively short time with young children. Play usually occupies much of a child's life before he is of school age and here, unless we provide too many toys, is an opportunity of getting a child to stick to one game at a time without worrying about what he is going to play afterwards.

Many modern nurseries contain so many playthings that the owner often discards the lot after a short interval and inquires, "What can I do next?" Children love change of occupation, but they must learn to persevere and concentrate, and the child who has acquired these habits before he goes to school stands a better chance of making good progress in scholastic endeavour.

To-morrow Can Take Care of Itself

Every young child should be encouraged to put his mind and efforts on what he is doing at the moment. To-day and now are all-important. To-morrow should be left to take care of itself where young children are concerned, and yet many parents think otherwise.

Often new children at school know that they are only there for a short time, so they form a habit of not worrying too much about the school work they are to do in the meantime. It is unwise to tell a child that he is to leave a certain school next term or the term after, unless every home influence is brought to bear on impressing him to do his best at his present school.

A better plan is to allow a child to work without having to worry about the future. It is sufficient if

the teachers know of future movements of the child. Frequently a child's work deteriorates immediately he hears that he is leaving his present school. Often, quite unconsciously, the child is worried and anxious.

One day, certainly some years ahead, children will of necessity have to arrange fixtures ahead for themselves. But then they should be wiser than they are to-day. To-day, we wish them to concentrate on the thing they should be doing at the moment and pay no attention to anything else. Only by this can they get the best out of work and play.

When they have learnt this excellent habit they can concentrate on the next activity.

Tiring of Toys

Perhaps you know a small boy who gets half a dozen toys out of his cupboard, plays with them for a few minutes, then pushes them on one side and returns to his cupboard for more. If you do, take him in hand. Put all the toys away except one he chooses for himself as the favourite, and lock the others away. Then try to become a boy yourself. Get down on the floor and show him the possibilities, still unfathomed by him, which the toy possesses. Perhaps he is tired of building castles with his bricks. Show him how to build a church.

When the church is completed and not before, encourage him to try to construct something else. An inventive child can do wonders with the box of bricks. Most children will need to develop the patience and concentration that can be developed when parents take a lively interest in their children.

Any child who has acquired the habit of thinking of what he is doing at the moment, who can concentrate on one thing at a time and finish that before asking, "What can I do next?" is almost sure of success in later life.

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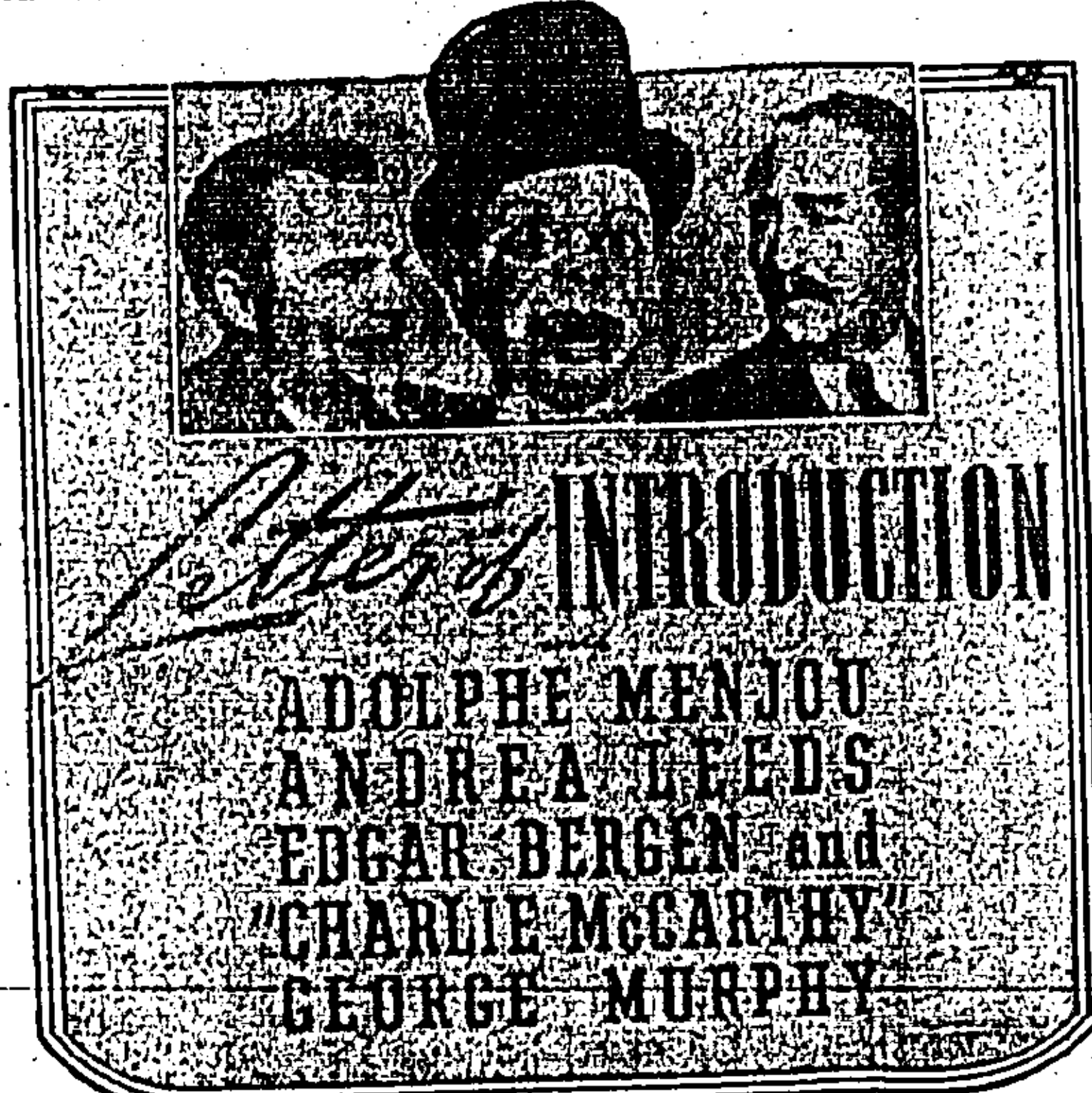
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STRANGE WEATHER

Royal Observatory Report For Last Year Issued

Unusual features of last year's weather are set out in the report of the Director of the Royal Observatory laid before the Legislative Council yesterday.

The report states the principal features of the weather in 1938 were:

(a) A great deficiency of rainfall, the year being the driest since 1893. The total rainfall for the year amounted to only 55.35 inches against a normal of 55.10 inches, rainfall being below normal in every month of the year except February, March and October.

(b) The prevalence of very warm sunny weather in April and June. In April the duration of sunshine was the highest on record, while in June both the duration of sunshine and the mean temperature were the highest on record.

(c) The unusually early typhoon of May 3. Although the wind never reached gale force in the harbour, the maximum gust of 63 m.p.h. is also a record for the month.

(d) An exceptional immunity from typhoon gales. The only occasion on which the wind velocity exceeded 60 m.p.h. in a gust was during the May typhoon mentioned above.

A synoptic chart of the Far East, on which is also available information concerning upper winds, is prepared and a senior officer is available for consultation by departing pilots. An hourly weather report is communicated in Q code directly to incoming planes. A route forecast is also furnished to the pilots of outgoing planes.

On the seismographs 372 earthquakes were recorded, compared with 308 in 1937. The seismographs have been forwarded to the International Seismological Committee, Oxford.

Observations of the upper air by 607 pilot balloons were made. Observations of upper air temperature taken during aeroplane flights, have been supplied to the Observatory by the personnel of the Far East Flying Training School, Ltd., and of the Civil Airport, to whom acknowledgements are due.

In acknowledging the receipt of weather information from various sources, the report states that information from Pratas is very valuable.

GAMBLING WITH DICE

Money in Woman's Handbag Included in Toll

The Poor Box of the Kowloon Magistracy benefited to the extent of \$140.32 yesterday, in consequence of the appearance of 13 women and two men before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen on charges connected with a gambling raid by the police, on a house in Sai Young Choi Street on Wednesday.

On bail of \$200, one of the women, Chan Kwei-lin, 30, was charged with keeping a common gaming house on the ground floor of 12 Sai Young Choi Street. The other defendants, on accounts of gambling, were on bail of \$10.

Acting Detective Sub-Inspector C. Mottram said that the raid was carried out at 4 p.m., and defendants were found playing a game of dice on a long table covered with a cloth and a paper with figures and Chinese characters.

Chan was in charge of the dice, and had in front of her a small basket containing \$8.00. She had a net containing \$80.00. Other money picked up on the table totalled \$73.46.

Answering a question put by Mr. Macfadyen concerning the \$30 in Chan's handbag, the prosecuting officer said: The Ordinance provides that any money found on the person of the keeper is to be brought to the notice of a Magistrate.

Mr. Macfadyen then referred to the Ordinance, and remarked that any money found on the person of the keeper could be taken away. His Worship appeared to be in some doubt as to whether the money in the handbag was on the defendant's person, and some amusement was caused when Detective Inspector A. E. Carey, who was in Court declared: "If the handbag was stolen from her, it is larceny from the person."

Chan said that the \$30 was in her handbag merely because that was her usual way of carrying money on her person.

Chan was fined \$75, and the other defendants \$5 each.

Table money, amounting to \$140.32, including the \$80 in Chan's handbag, was ordered to be given to the Poor Box.

WANCHAI INCIDENT

European Sappers Charged By Chinese Couple

While he was standing outside his house at Lockhart Road, about 12.15 a.m. on March 19, waiting for his wife to open the door, Yip Ming-chun alleged that four Europeans assaulted him to fight, and he was eventually attacked by them.

Before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, three sappers of the Royal Engineers, Y. J. Gardiner, D. E. Allison and Y. J. Marney, were charged with having assaulted Yip and his wife.

Yip told the Court that he was outside his house, 168 Lockhart Road, waiting for the door to be opened, when four Europeans, two in plain clothes and two in uniform, approached him. Yip alleged that Marney said, "You want to fight?"—and at the same time tried to kick him, but he ran to the road.

Marney followed, said Yip, and again attempted to kick him, and eventually set upon him, together with the other three men.

Liu Wai-ying, wife of Yip, said that when she opened the door she

Chased and Detained saw three men striking her husband. She made an effort to separate them, and a fourth man placed his hands over her mouth and struck her mouth with his fist, drawing blood.

When police whistles were blown the Europeans ran, and were followed by her and Yip. When they had chased them to near the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, another European asked them what the matter was and she told him that they had been assaulted. Then she saw first and second defendants standing on the pavement opposite, and they all went to the Wanchai Station.

Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Acting Director of Criminal Intelligence (Crime), said he conducted an identification parade at Wellington Barracks on March 20, and third defendant was identified by complainants.

Sub-Inspector R. McEwen said that while he was at Jaffa Road, he heard whistles blown, and on reaching the Sailors and Soldiers Home, he told him that she and her husband had been assaulted by some Europeans. She then pointed to first and second defendants, who were standing on a pavement, whom she alleged had taken part in the assault.

The hearing was adjourned to next Tuesday.

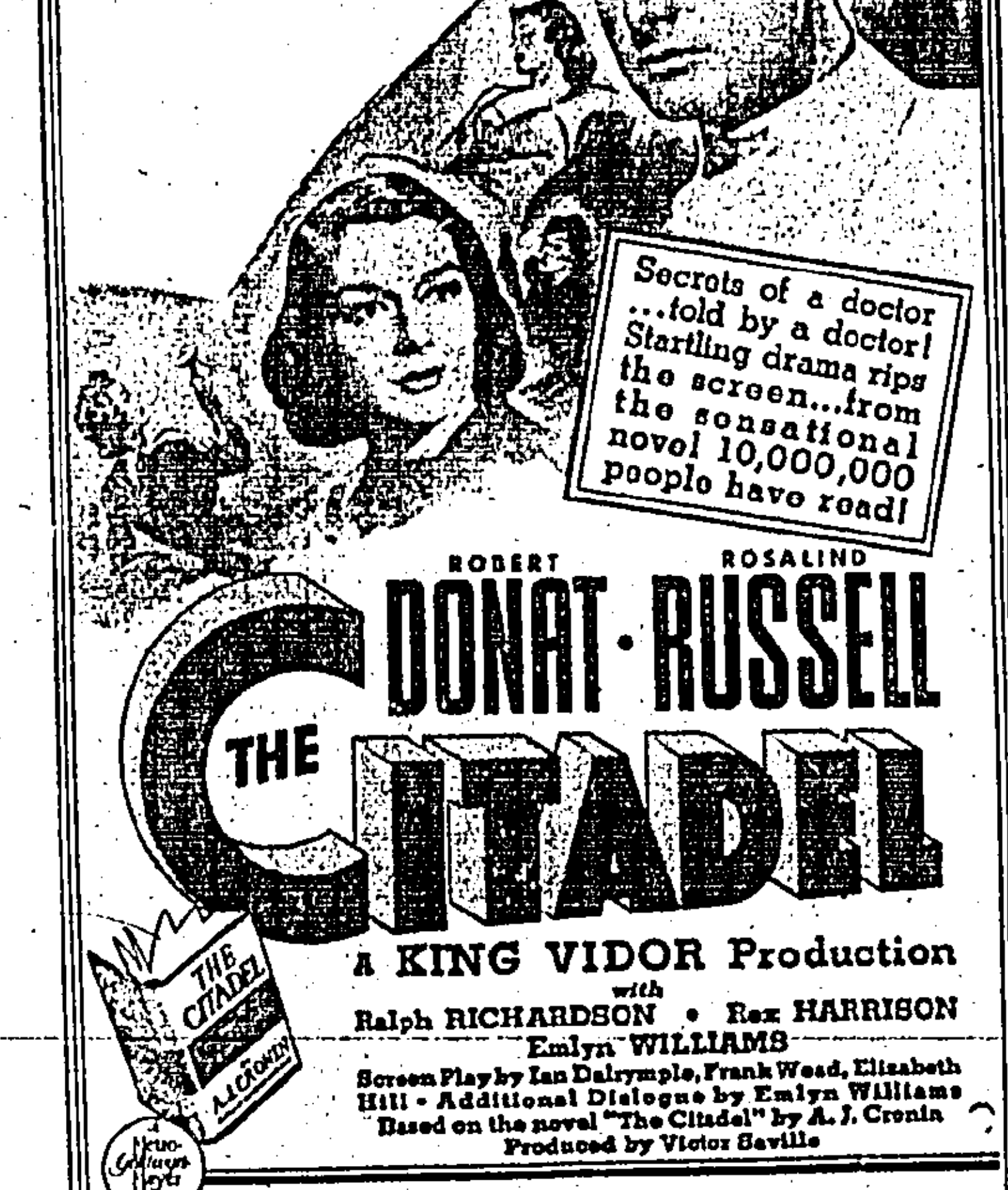
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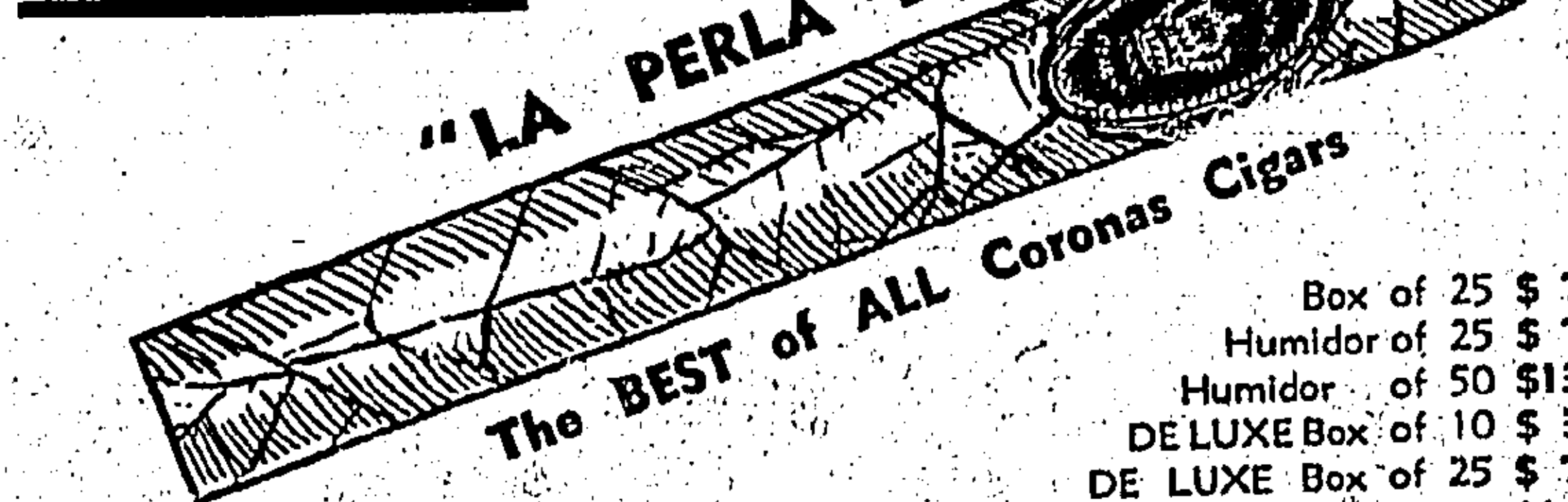
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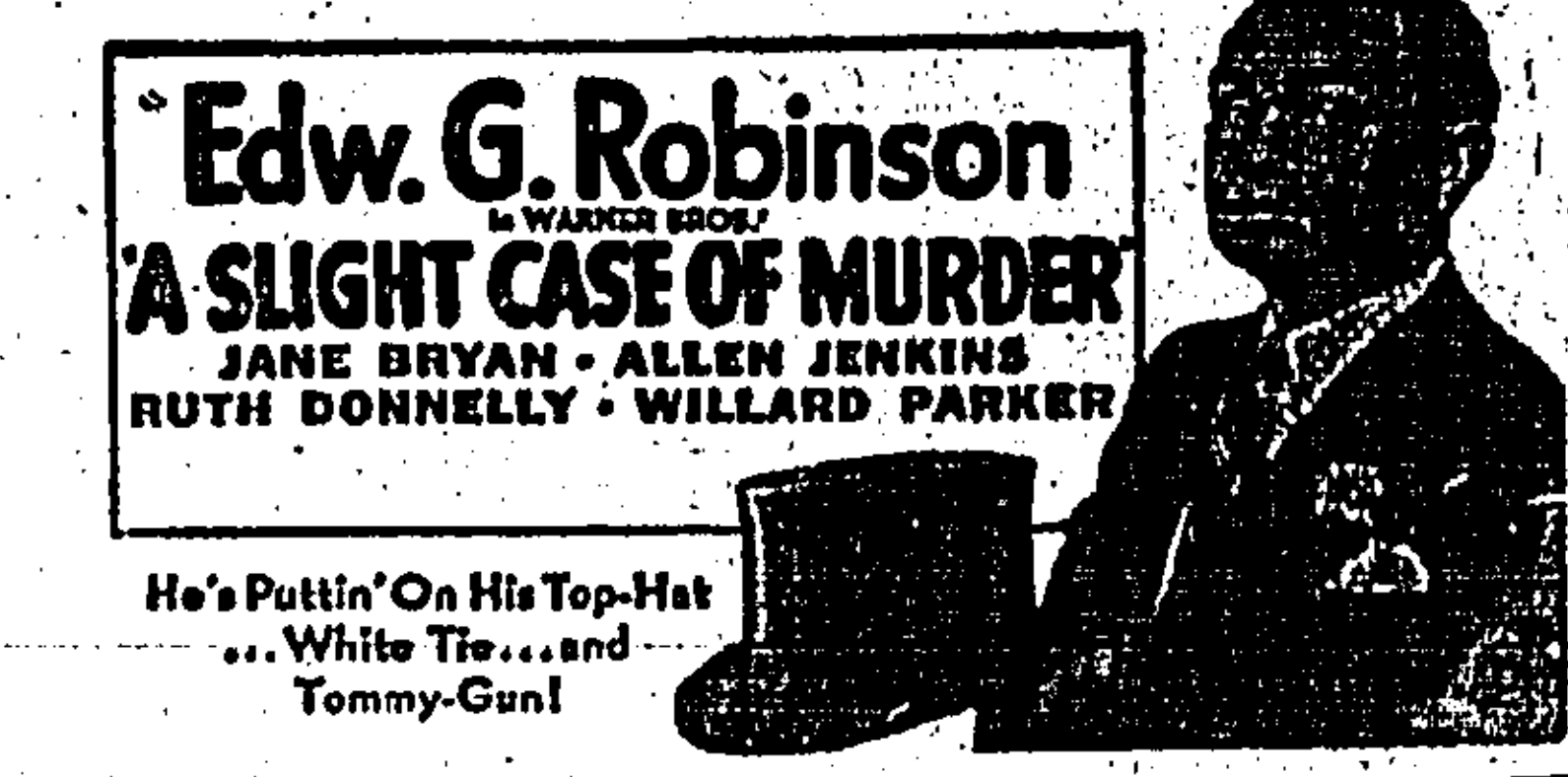
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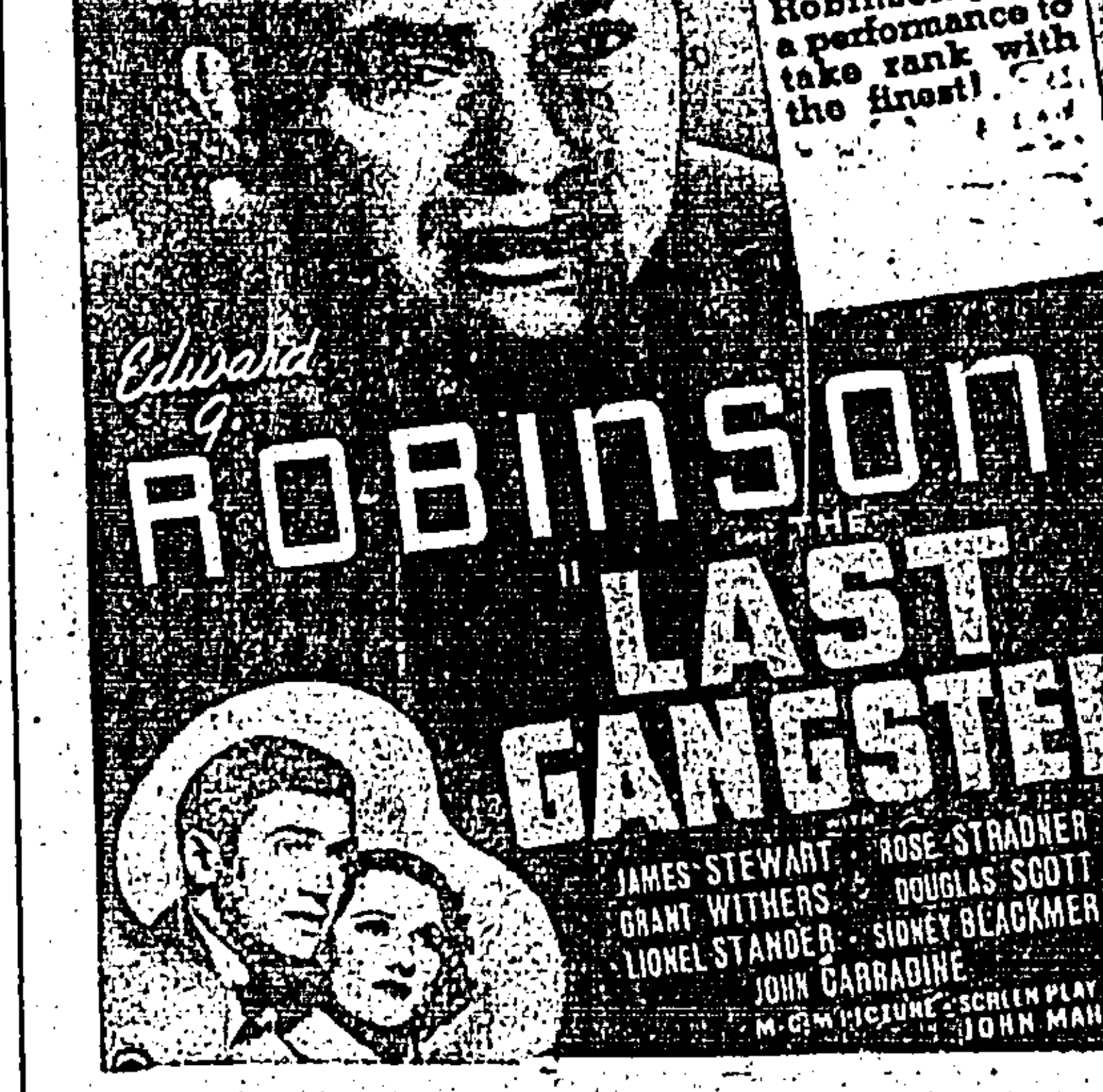
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Threat To A.R.P. Denied No 'Merger' With The Police

AIR-RAID wardens, though police controlled, are not to be merged with the police force.

That was the promise given recently by Sir John Anderson, after a Home Office conference.

Many complaints have been made that the change of control of A.R.P. wardens would seriously affect present organisations. There were also suggestions that police control would tend towards militarisation of A.R.P.

At the conference with representatives of outer London authorities, Sir Philip Game, Commissioner of Police, said that he had agreed to accept the new responsibility only if the air raid wardens' organisation were kept separate from the police.

Sir John Anderson emphasised that it was never contemplated that the existing air raid warden service should be scrapped, merged with the police, or lost to its title.

In a statement to the "Daily Herald" on the question of police control of wardens, Mr. Herbert Morrison said:

"The proposal was approved by a majority of the Metropolitan Boroughs Standing Joint Committee, which consists of three representatives from each of the Metropolitan Borough Councils. Within that majority was a substantial majority of Labour representatives."

"The question is one of effective administration, and in the light of their experiences I rather think that most of our people look the view that the police organisation is more suited to the job and would be administratively more effective."

"Moreover, many of the duties of the A.R.P. wardens are not dissimilar from the civil and humanitarian duties of the police."

"When the police take over the warden services, the Police Commissioner will be responsible to the Home Secretary, and the Home Secretary directly responsible to Parliament."

"In the provinces it is quite common for the wardens to be under the direction of the Chief Constable. That greatly impressed those who took this decision."

By 170 votes to 122, London Trades Council has refused co-operation in the Government's voluntary register scheme for civil defence, on the ground of opposition to Government policy.

Napoleon Said It

And Our Army Is Doing It Better Than Any Other

ARMY food and Army cooks have improved by leaps and bounds since the war days.

Now, at the request of the War Office, the L.C.C. Higher Education Committee have started a course for army cooks at the Westminster Technical Institute.

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"WEST END" TEST
Their passing-out test will be to cook a dinner equal in flavour and variety to that at a West End hotel, with the difference that it will have to show a minimum of waste.

Successful students will join regiments all over the country. Work has begun on a £140,000 Army school of cookery at Aldershot.

MARCHES ON ITS STOMACH
A War Office spokesman said: "All this is more than justified by the increased staying-power, health and temper of the men."

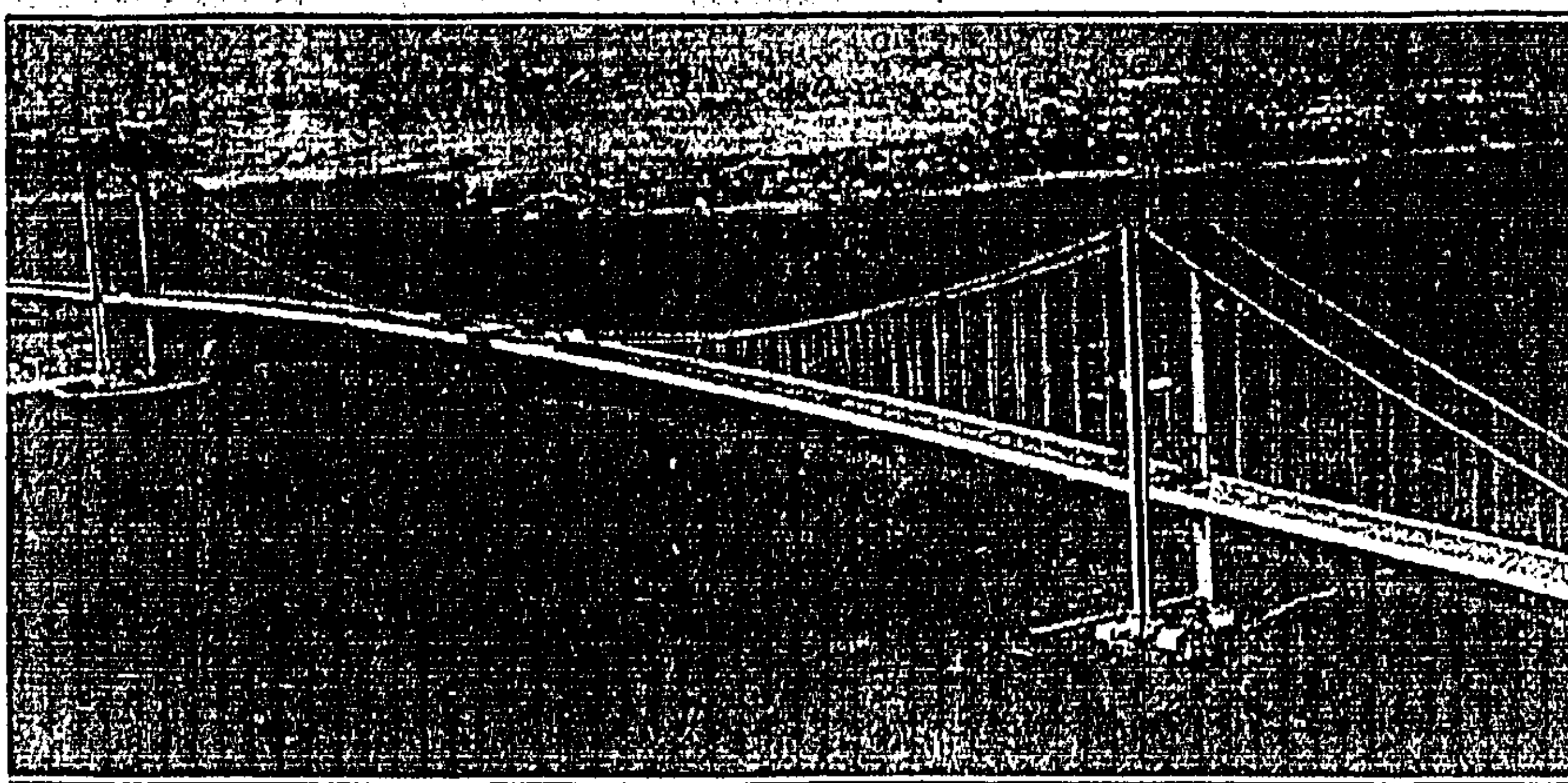
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THREE HOT MEALS
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"Every soldier gets three hot meals a day, and often a high tea as well."



This aerial view shows the \$18,000,000 bridge between The Bronx and Whitestone, out-lying districts of New York City, which workmen are speeding to completion in time for the opening of the World's Fair, on April 30. This is the sixth bridge to link Long Island and Manhattan and is the longest of its kind in the world.

EMPIRE NEWS NATIONAL REGISTER FOR AUSTRALIA

Sydney.
The Federal Cabinet, meeting at Hobart, considered defence questions in the light of the recent report by Mr. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner in London.

It was decided to establish immediately a voluntary national register as a guide to man power and the industrial and food production capacity of the Commonwealth. The register will include both men and women.

It is believed that a voluntary basis was decided on because such a register can be drawn up more rapidly.

A committee has been appointed to consider a large expansion in liquid fuel storage.

Ministers stated that it was impossible to buy a capital warship, as Britain could not spare one. A British expert will probably be invited to advise Sydney on the site for a battleship dock.

Antarctic Research—Members of the Cabinet have had informal discussions with Mr. Lincoln Ellsworth, the American explorer, who is at Hobart from the Antarctic. The Government is expected to buy Mr. Ellsworth's ship, Wyatt Earp, for use by an Australian expedition to the Antarctic at some later date.

NEW ZEALAND SPEED URGED IN DEFENCE PLANS

Referring to the Dominion's defence needs, the New Zealand Herald states that speed is the essence of the preparations. The Government is pre-occupied with social and economic security without national security. The Dominion at present lacks self-reliance. Isolation is no excuse. The Devonport naval base at Auckland is suitable for refuelling which are at present being carried out in England, with a great waste of time. The paper urges the formation of a naval auxiliary force.

SOUTH AFRICA BIG CAPE WATER STORAGE PROJECT

Cape Town.
An ambitious hydro-electric, water storage and irrigation scheme, based on the construction of a huge dam near Villiersdorp, in the Western Province of the Cape, is now receiving the attention of the Irrigation Department of the Union Government.

This scheme would make available an additional water supply for Cape Town, and would also supply current to surrounding districts, including Hermanus, Caledon and Worcester. The dam would have a capacity of 3,000,000,000 gallons.

Zulu War Veteran's Death—The death has occurred at Dundee, at the age of 82, of Thomas Henry Cunningham, a friend of Rider Haggard and a survivor of Isandhlawana.

No National Register—The South African Government has no intention of introducing a national register, according to official information received from Pretoria.

Job Is Waiting For a New Swiss Family Robinson

THE Swiss-Family-Robinson kind of story gets an up-to-date twist in the news of the quest of the National Trust for a warden to live on the Calf of Man (writes Stanley Baron).

In the book, you remember, it was Mr. Robinson who decided he wanted no more of civilisation. And what Robinson said, in the dutiful eighteen-hundreds, went.

But the Calf of Man will be an affair of woman. So strongly do the National Trust feel on the subject that after going through more than a thousand applications and reducing the list to two or three, they have decided to send the final candidates, with wives, over to the island to see conditions for themselves.

1,500 Told To Try Nursing

Fifteen hundred school-girls, faces eagerly upturned, listened attentively at the Guild-hall recently while a pretty, uniformed probationer nurse explained to them through a microphone why nursing was one of the finest professions they could take up.

"If you talk to the average nurse," said Miss Helen Few (who is at London Hospital), "you will find her a cheerful person, interested in her work and getting the best out of life."

Queen Mary was about to leave to attend an overflow meeting, but she was so interested that she waited till the end of Miss Few's speech.

Most of her audience were girls from big London and provincial secondary schools. Most of them will sit for their school certificate examinations in the summer.

To help them at the same time to try to interest them in joining the depleted ranks of the nursing profession, they were invited to a big recruiting rally.

BETTER CONDITIONS
Mr. H. L. Eason, tall principal of London University, told them: "Conditions of nursing are changing very rapidly to meet the changing conditions of the world. They are going to be made more attractive."

There was only one nurse, he said, to every 500 of the population.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Lang, read a message to the girls from Queen Mary, which ended: "I appeal to the girls of the country to ask themselves whether they may not find in this great profession not only a career of interest and usefulness but one of the truest and noblest forms of national service."

"I decided to be a nurse long before to-day," one girl said afterwards. "It will be hard work, but great fun."

Busy Life At 85

TOONGABBLE, Australia.
Robert Ferguson was too busy on his 85th birthday to do anything more than just carry on his regular work—that of running a five acre farm single handed. He attends to his orchard, picks and packs all his fruit and other products, milks nine cows twice daily and during the past few months has re-painted three houses.

of introducing a national register, according to official information received from Pretoria.

And how the wives will react will probably settle the choice.

MAKING DOUBLY SURE

Mr. D. M. Matheson, secretary to the National Trust, said:

"We came to the conclusion that it wouldn't be fair to send anyone out without making doubly sure that he knew what he was in for."

The job (looking after 615 acres of bird sanctuary and running a farm) will probably be one of the loneliest in Britain. It isn't the husband we worry about so much as the wife.

"None of the candidates, so far as I know, has lived alone on an island before. We think we have the right three in the last selections. So the question is now: 'Can Mrs. Robinson stand it?'"

REACTION TEST
A National Trust official is to be put at the disposal of the candidates who have been chosen to see the island. He will guide them round and observe their reactions.

But the making of the final decision depends upon when the candidates can get across.

They will go separately—and the currents which cut off the tide from the Man mainland, sometimes for weeks at a time, are among the worst in Britain.

Smuggling In China

LONDON.
Mr. Day asked a further question in the House of Commons recently regarding smuggling in China when he enquired whether any action had been taken by the Government to suppress the position which had recently arisen by the continued smuggling in China and what the Government's attitude was.

Mr. Butler replied that while the Government naturally viewed with disfavour all evasions of payment of Customs duties in China, no reports of smuggling had been received since the reply he gave to Mr. Day on November 16 last. On that occasion Mr. Butler stated that according to the Government's information there had been an appreciable decrease in smuggling.

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Rabbit Fights Dogs And Likes His Beer

A lion living in a back-garden at Pinner, Middlesex, and a bear kept as a pet by a family in Croydon made news recently.

But the strangest pet is a rabbit that drinks beer and fights stray dogs.

Bill is his name. He came to London four years ago, a pet for the twelve-year-old son of Mr. Frank Harding, manager of a public house in Marylebone High-street, W.

He was put in a neat hutch in the cellar. Next morning he was found outside the hutch—in a drunken stupor.

He had been drinking beer that dripped from the barrels. Spot, the family fox terrier, walked down into the cellar two hours later and Bill, by this time burdened with a hang-over, attacked him.

The terrier, fat with easy living, ran from the cellar yelping with fright.

Bill has bullied him ever since. Sometimes Bill does tricks in the saloon bar for the customers. He can take the lid off a biscuit barrel, overturn the barrel and eat a piece of sponge cake.

He can drink a glass of milk without spilling it, and he can do a juggling trick with a bunch of keys.

"TAKE HIM AWAY"
His fans tell of the time when a woman went into the bar with a cocker spaniel. She was alone—until customers in the other bars heard her screaming: "Take your rabbit off my dog!"

The cocker, backed into a corner, was being kicked and bitten by Bill. Bill's young life nearly ended, though, when he attacked a greyhound in Marylebone High-street.

Princess Designs Hats

SOME of the hats, soon to be shown in the spring fashion displays, are models designed by Princess Natasha Bagration, 24-year-old granddaughter of Grand Duke Constantine of Russia, who is a cousin of the Duchess of Kent.

The Princess works in the hat department of Paquin's London shop, and, apart from designing new models, acts as a saleswoman.

More than once she has posed to the Duchess of Kent, an expert artist, for her portrait.

He had to run 160 yards for home and safety, the greyhound about three feet behind him all the way. Mr. Harding has not let Bill out into the street since then.

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KING'S TRAIN TO BE "FORT"

POLICE precautions due to the I.R.A. bombing outrages made the King and Queen almost prisoners in the royal train each evening during their three-day "no speechmaking" tour of the north-east recently.

Once the official functions of each day were over, they returned to the train, which was drawn up on the now disused Newcastle-Ponteland passenger line near Ponteland station.

And through the night specially picked Scotland Yard officers and detectives from the Northumberland County, Newcastle and L.N.E.R. forces guarded them.

The scope of the precautions—unparalleled for the safety of a King of Britain visiting the provinces of his own country—can be gathered from the fact that detectives watched the relaying of every yard of gravel and piece of asphalt at the place where the train will stay each night.

Normally, members of the Royal Family visiting the north-east stay at one of the great castles, Lambton, Lumley or Alnwick, but a police official said that their Majesties would be better guarded in the train.

Fleet Air Arm Goes Ahead

With more than £8,000,000 to spend on aircraft during its first year of Admiralty control, the Fleet Air Arm promises to become one of the most attractive branches of the Service.

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DECK LANDING TESTS

According to these, 141 officer pilots have entered the Fleet Air Arm from the R.A.F. and R.A.F. Reserve; 191 executive naval officers are already serving as pilots and 152 as air observers.

In addition, the Fleet Air Arm has 133 executive officers and 44 naval ratings under instruction at Service flying training schools, and 34 naval ratings serving as observers' mates.

At Donibristle, Fifeshire, 14 rating pilots are making their final deck-landing tests aboard the carrier Courageous; 15 others will start training this week.

These figures do not include officers of the R.N.V.R. Air Branch or those recruited from civil life.

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

Of 238 Fleet Air Arm officers drawn from civilian ranks, 116 are training as pilots and 120 as air observers.

A recruiting campaign for air fitters and air riggers will be launched during the next few days.

Other Fleet Air Arm branches are those of air mechanic, air artificer, and air apprentice.

Air mechanics are coming forward in satisfactory numbers and there is no shortage of pilot applicants.

An Admiralty official said recently that 60 per cent. of the fitters and riggers in the new branches would be selected for promotion as air artificers.

BOY Of 8, Tired Of Life, Aged 15, No Religion

AND 3-YEAR-OLD BLACKED HER EYE SAYS NURSE

BOYS of all ages figured in six unusual court cases in various parts of the country recently. There was the—Boy of 17 who never spoke and was fed by his mother like a bird.

Boy of eight who was unhappy and tried to stab himself.

Boy of 16 whose employers increased his wages instead of dismissing him, to encourage him to mend his ways; he did not.

Boy of three who, said his nurse, blacked her eye and bit her neck; she smacked him, and won a claim for wrongful dismissal.

Boy of 15 who told the magistrates he had no religion.

Boy of 14 whose "present from Santa Claus" to his young brother was stolen by a tutor who found it.

AGED EIGHT, UNHAPPY

"I was unhappy and wanted to kill myself," said the eight-year-old, who at Ealing juvenile court admitted trying to stab himself in the stomach with a carving knife.

A woman probation officer said the child threw a piece of wood at his mother and the same day tried to strike her (the mother) with the carving knife.

"He tells me he is very unhappy at home," added the officer.

On a charge of being beyond his parents' control, he was sent to a reformatory for a fortnight.

RUDE BEHIND RISE

The 16-year-old lad whose firm increased his wages instead of dismissing him, to encourage him to mend his ways, appeared at Cuxton Juvenile Court summoned for a breach of a probation order.

He had been found to be untrustworthy and a liar, it was stated.

Kindness brought no response and later he admitted stealing 1s. 1d. belonging to his employers.

A probation officer, who was "conscious of public opinion against stepfathers," and left the boy in the hands of his mother.

The lad, who said he had only borrowed the 1s. 1d. and repaid it, will be sent to an approved school.

NURSE SMACKED CHILD

Alleging that her three-year-old charge was out of control and had pulled her hair, blacked her eye and bitten her neck, Miss Enid Brettingham, of Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester, successfully claimed in West London county court that she was wrongfully dismissed for smacking him.

Judgment for £5-8s. for wages and loss of board was given against Captain H. S. Foxwell.

Miss Brettingham said she was employed by Captain and Mrs. Foxwell, then staying at a Kensington hotel, on a month's trial at a guinea a week.

She was drying the child after his bath and he bit her neck. She told the court: "I thought it was time he had some punishment and smacked him on the leg."

Mrs. Foxwell said she never saw Miss Brettingham with a black eye. Judge Hargreaves thought Miss Brettingham was wrong to smack the boy when the mother was there and able to do it. But this did not justify immediate dismissal.

NO RELIGION AT 15

Asked to take the oath at Cuxton Juvenile Court, a 15-year-old offender said he had no religion.

He affirmed.

Obstructing the police in Piccadilly Circus was the charge.

Saying he had been mistaken for someone else, the boy intimated he would call a friend as witness. He was remanded for a week.

STRAY DARTS

A darts scoreboard, darts and diary, Christmas gifts from a boy of 14 to his younger brother, were left behind in a railway waiting room.

A private tutor, Guy Haversham Morse-Boycott (50), of Devonshire Place, was at Brighton fined £2 with £1 costs for stealing the parcel—which bore a name and address and "From Santa Claus"—by finding.

He said he was without his glasses and took it home meaning to look for an address.

"RABBIT FEVER" PROSCRIBED

Leetonia, O., the hunting variety, so depleted the ranks of Leetonia high school's boy students, during the rabbit hunting season, that Principal G. L. Powell issued a warning to the fevers' "victims." Powell's warning stressed provisions of state school-attendance laws.

Raid On Queen's Dress Maker

Thieves raided the premises of Mr. Norman B. Hartnell, dressmaker to the Queen, in Bruton-street, W., recently, and carried off furs valued at £3,000.

About the same time—4 a.m.—another gang broke into the London Bullion Company's shop in Haymarket, S.W., and took jewellery in gold and silver, antiques and coins to the value of £2,000.

In their haste the fur thieves left many valuable skins behind, but the jewel raiders appear to have had expert knowledge, taking the most valuable exhibits in the window.

BROKE MAIN DOOR

It was about 4.30 a.m. when a policeman discovered that Mr. Hartnell's premises had been entered, but by then the raiders had gone.

The gang had prised open both halves of inside door, but finding further progress stopped by a stout iron bar, worked on the main door.

After breaking the thick glass and forcing the locks they went to the showroom at the back.

Four men are believed to have taken part in the raid—two to get the furs, one to watch, and a fourth waiting in the car in which the furs were taken away.

Mr. Hartnell designs dresses for the Queen. He designed the bridal dress of the Duchess of Gloucester and her eight bridesmaids, among whom were Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

SAW MASKED MAN

The raid on the London Bullion Company's shop was nearly foiled.

An assistant on night duty at a chemist's shop a short distance away heard a crash like falling glass, and was just in time to see a man, Jimmy in hand, and a handkerchief over the lower part of his face, crossing the pavement.

The assistant ran back into the shop, thinking "B.B." but by the time a police patrol car arrived the thieves had got away.

They had wrenched the folding grille away from its catch and broken the door window.

"Big Jump" Was Medium's Control

A medium told counsel in a libel action in the King's Bench Division recently that his "control" was known as "Big Jump."

The action was brought by Mr. Mander Fodor, a psychic research worker, of Park West, Marble Arch, W., against Psychic Press, Ltd., proprietors of the "Psychic News," Mr. Maurice Barbanell, the editor; Mr. Paul Miller, a journalist; and the printers and distributors of the paper.

Mr. Fodor claimed that he had been attacked by a series of articles suggesting that he was not fitted to carry out psychical investigation. The defendants denied that the words were defamatory.

PHOTOGRAPH OF ECTOPLASM Seeing a copy of "Psychic News" before Mr. Barbanell in the witness-box, Mr. Justice Singleton walked over, picked it up, and asked what a picture on the front page represented.

"It is a photograph of Ecto Plasm" (medium), Mr. Barbanell replied. Mr. Justice Singleton pointed to the photograph and asked: "What is this supposed to be?"

"It is supposed to be ectoplasm," said Mr. Barbanell.

Mr. Barbanell said he was a medium "to a little degree," and had undergone the experience known as "trance mediumship."

His "control" was known as "Eugene Jump." He had attended thousands of seances and, in one per cent. or two per cent. of cases at the highest, he had found fraud.



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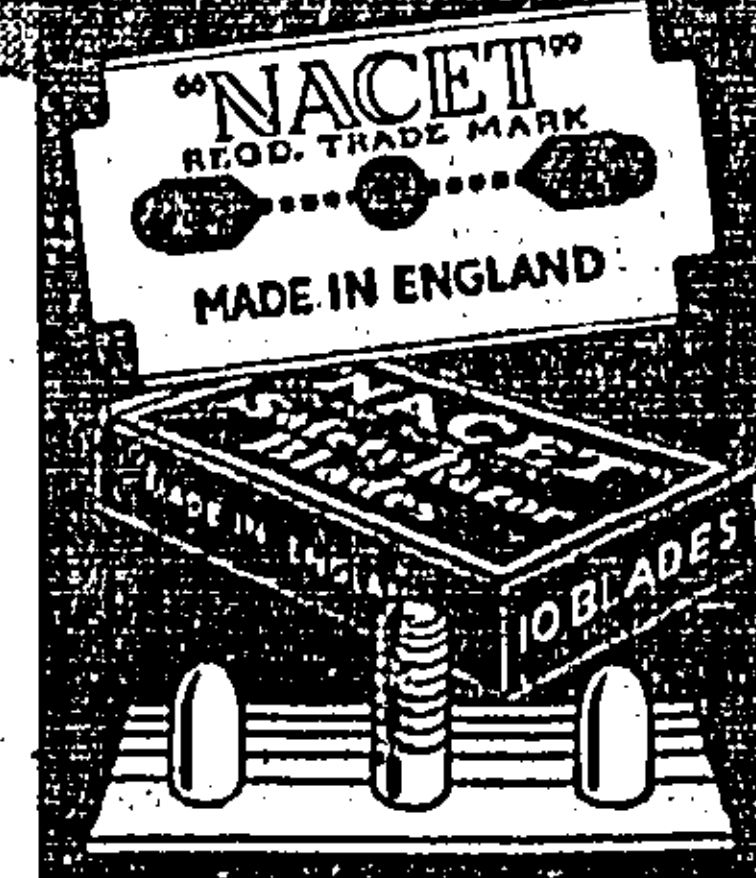
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IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

Delphinus Arrives With Late Mail

The Imperial Airways Delphinus reached Hongkong yesterday with the air mail, delayed one day on the main line.

The only passenger aboard was Miss Margery Pitt, 23, American, who will rejoin the ship *Francisco* here next week. She is on a world cruise, but broke her journey at Bangkok to come by plane in order to spend a week with friends in Hongkong.

The next mail is expected on schedule to-morrow.

The Far East manager of Imperial Airways, Lt.-Commander A. D. S. Murray, said last evening that he had had no report that the Delphinus had been obliged to return to Bangkok because of the failure of one of the plane's instruments.

PLANE MISSING

A passenger airline operator, on the Peking-Dairen route of the China Aviation Corporation has been unaccounted for since it left Tientsin for Dairen at 8.10 a.m. to-day. The plane was carrying nine passengers and a crew of three—Domet.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

Outward

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 24; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 26.

For U.S.A., via Manila, Guam, Honolulu, Boeing Clipper 8.30 a.m. March 25.

For Chungking, Sian, etc. Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For France via Hanol: Air France 6.30 a.m. March 25.

Inward

From London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. March 25; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. March 26.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Service indefinite.

From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Boeing Clipper 12.30 p.m. March 25.

From France via Hanol: Air France, 12.30 March 25.

SUICIDE'S FORESIGHT

Dublin, Mar. 23.

A bottle picked up by the shore here contained a suicide note stating that the writer was taking his own life, and adding, "But for what it is worth, Squadron Castle will win the Lincolnshire Handicap and Coolcote the Grand National."

Squadron Castle won the Lincolnshire at 40 to 1 and Coolcote stood 25 to 1 in the Grand National.—United Press.

DORADO LEAVES

The Imperial Airways plane Dorado left Kai Tak this morning for Bangkok with Mr. H. C. Lee as the sole passenger.

Some 1034lbs. of mail were carried.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

The improvement in the London market was short-lived, and the latest advices from that quarter show an appreciable drop in most quotations. This, together with the uncertainty still surrounding the European political situation, may account for the lethargical state of the local market. In spite, however, of all this, H.K. Banks continue to command attention and a large business was reported in them to-day at \$1,340, with a small lot being traded at \$1,350.

Buyers		Sellers	
Provisionals (Old)	\$5.45	Canton Ice	\$1
Entertainments	\$9.45 ex. Div.		
H.K. Banks	\$1,340		
China Lights (Old)	\$8.60		
Far East	\$2.75		
Watsons	\$9.10		
Vibro Piling	\$6.40 ex. Div.		
Hongkong Banks	\$1,375/1,350		
Union Insurance	\$405		
H.K. Banks	\$1,340		
Provisionals (Old)	\$5.45		
H.K. Banks	\$1,340		
Antiques	\$3.30		
Anglo Gold	\$2		
Coco Groves	\$2		
C.N.A.C. Mines	\$14.5		
Demonstrations	\$14.5		
L. X. L. 61	\$1		
San Manuilio	\$1.00		
Suyoc Consul	\$18.5		
United Paracels	\$9		

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 23.		New York Cotton	
May	8.18/17	Opening	8.19/20
July	7.97/98	Closing	7.99/8.00
Oct.	7.61/60		7.60/60
Dec.	7.54/53		7.55/55
Jan.	7.53/53		7.54/54
Mar.	7.58 A		7.57 N
Spot			8.04 N
New York Rubber		Chicago Wheat	
Mar.	15.99/16.00	May	67 1/2/67 3/4
May	16.00/03	July	67 3/4/67 1/2
Sept.	16.00/03	Sept.	68 1/2/68 1/2
Dec.	16.04/02		
To-day's Sales—1,170 tons.		Chicago Corn	
May	47 1/2/47 1/2	May	47 1/2/47 1/2
July	48 1/2/48 1/2	July	48 1/2/48 1/2
Sept.	50 1/2/50 1/2	Sept.	50 1/2/50 1/2
Winnipeg Wheat		Winnipeg Wheat	
May	60 3/4/60 1/2	May	60 3/4/60 1/2
July	61 1/4/61 1/4	July	61 1/4/61 1/4
Oct.	62 1/4/62 1/4	Oct.	62 1/4/62 1/4

A.R.P. EXAMS.

The Air Raid Precautions Officer announces that the undermentioned successfully passed the Air Raid Warden's Examination held at the Club Lusitano on March 17:

Messrs. F. A. Joseph, C. H. Adams, C. H. Bass, J. M. Dalziel, T. W. Erskine, V. M. Barradas, F. E. d'Almeida Remedios, F. G. Bird, Henry Chong, G. T. Bird, C. Carr, E. Salunet, W. J. Morris, C. P. Wong, A. L. Fisher, C. L. Rocha, E. de Sousa, I. P. Corveth, H. R. Sequeira.

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MARCH, 24, 1939.

FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:

STOCKS: Soviet Russia has agreed to a Four-Power declaration against Nazi aggression.

Herr Hitler's Memei speech declares that Germany has now essentially ended making good the pain caused her after the World War.

The technical action of the market has improved, but evidence of an up-turn is still inconclusive.

Standard Oil Company of New Jersey 1939 profits will be materially below those of 1938.

The week's carloadings are 10 per cent. over that of the corresponding period of last year.

LONDON AVERAGES:

	MARCH 22	MARCH 23
Industrial Average	90.5	90.8
Rails Average	54.0	54.2

These averages are based on 100 as of December 31, 1934.

G. R. G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sau Chuk Yuen Road, Kowloon City, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2665	West of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2665, Kowloon	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	8,500	\$5

G. R. G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kowloon Tsai, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2665	Between New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2670 & Inland Lot No. 2667, Kowloon	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	14,500	\$16

G. R. G. R.

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2666	Junction of On Chan St. & Galle Park Road, Cheung Sha Wan	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	8,670	\$120

G. R. G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
4	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2667	Boundary Street, Shamshuipo	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	As per sale plan.	4,470	\$82

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1s. 2.25/32
Demand	1s. 2.25/32
T.T. Shanghai	170
T.T. Singapore	108 1/2
T.T. Japan	108 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	28 1/2
T.T. Manila	57 1/2
T.T. Batavia	54 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	180 1/2
T.T. Saigon	108 1/2
T.T. France	10.87
T.T. Germany	7.13
T.T. Switzerland	127 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/0 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/c London	1/3.1/32
4 m/s D/p do.	1/3.4
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	20 1/2
4 m/s France	127 1/2
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.68 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,340 sa.
H.K. Banks Lon.	83 1/2 n.
Chartered	(x.d.) 83 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. E.	82 n.
Morant & Co.	82 n.
East Asia	80 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton	225 n.
Union	170 n.
China Underwriter	1 1/2 n.
H.K. Fire	105 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	68 1/2 b.
Steamboats	15 n.
Indo-China	60 n.
Indo-China, D.S.	24 n.
Shell Dealers	183 1/2 n.
Waterboats	0 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	(x.d.) 111 1/2 n.
Docks	15 1/2 sa.
Provisionals (old)	5.45 sa.
New Eng. Sh.	0.00 n.
Sha. Docks, Sh.	105 n.

MINING	
Kailan s/-	10/0 n.
Raubas	8 b.
Venz: Goldfield	3 n.
Hongkong Mines	30 sa.
Antimony	30 sa.

Baguio Gold Ps.	20 sa.
Benguet Cons. Ps.	42 sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	42 sa.
Con Mines Ps.	0.03 sa.
Demonstrations Ps.	14 1/2 sa.
L.X. Ps.	61 sa.
Gumau Ps.	10 sa.
San Manuilio Ps.	1.00 sa.
Suyoc Consul Ps.	18 1/2 sa.
Paracels Ps.	60 sa.

LANDS	
Hotels	6 n.
Lands	30 n.
Lands 47/2 del.	104 n.
Shal Lands Sh.	9 n.
Humphreys	8.55 n.
H.K. Realities	4 1/2 b.
Chinese Estates	100 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	15.80 sa.
Tram Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	0.75 n.
Y. Ferries (old)	25.30 sa.
Y. Ferries (new)	24 n.
China Lights (old)	8.70 sa.
China Lights (new)	5.15 n.
H.K. Electric	5 1/2 sa.
Manco Electric	18 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	11 b.
Telephones (old)	23 n.
Telephones (new)	7 1/4 n.
Tractions s/-	23/0 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	23/0 n.

INDUSTRIAL	
Cold: Macf. (old)	14 n.
Cold: Macf. (Pref.)	13 n.
Canton Ice	1 b.
Cements	14 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes	4 b.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms s. (c. Rts.)	23.65 sa.
Dairy Farms (ex. rts.)	21 n.
Dairy Farms (rts.)	15 n.
Watsons	9.10 s.
Lane Crawfords	8 n.
Sinceres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	43 b.
Powell, Ltd. etc.	90 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewa Sh. S.	10 1/2 n.
Shui Cotton Sh.	107 n.
Zong Sings, Sh.	24 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh.	40 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment s. (x.d.)	6.45 n.
Constructions	15 n.
Vibro Piling s. (x.d.)	6.45 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	102 1/2
G.S. Bonds	67 n.
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan	4 1/2 p.m. b.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/2 %	par. b.
Marsmans (Lond.) s/-	15/-
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	5/3 n.

SECOND MONTH

London, Mar. 23.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer will open his second budget in the House of Commons on April 25.—British Wireless.

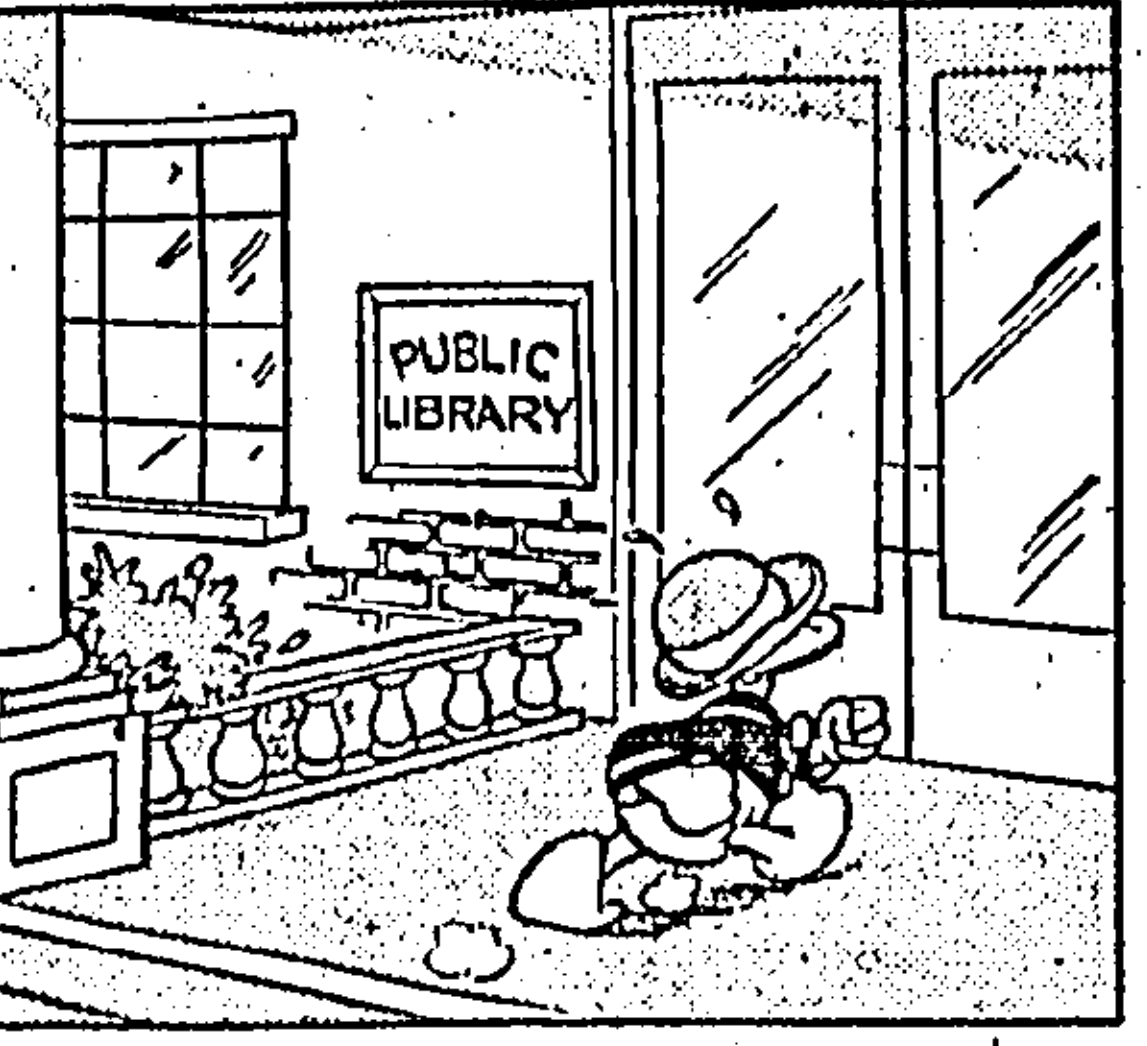
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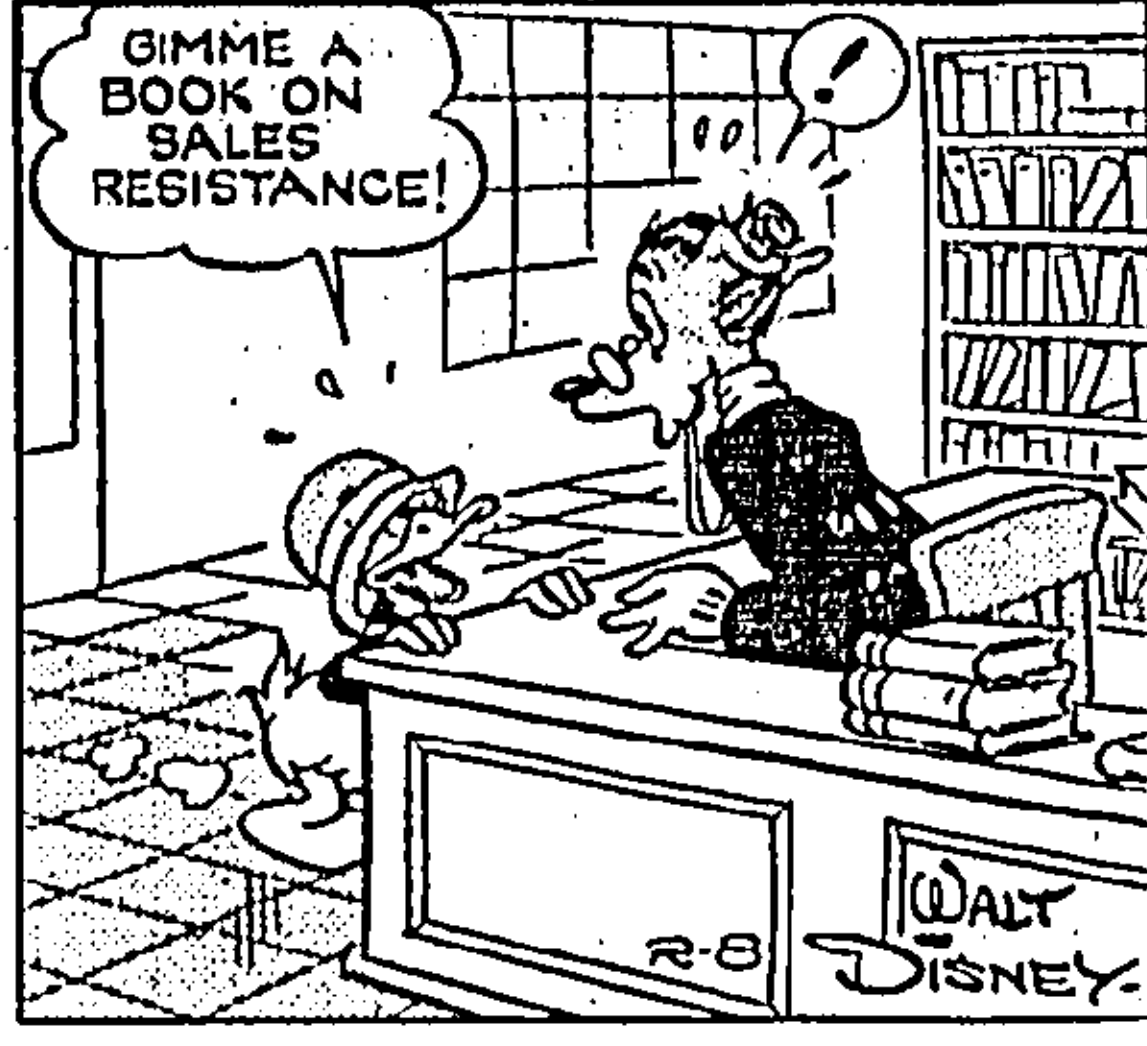
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MEMEL TO BECOME A POWERFUL FORTRESS

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ing" inflicted after the World War. It is not clear whether he meant that Germany is satisfied territorially.

He said the Germany which has arisen "does not trust her fate to foreigners but has determined it herself... even if it does not please the outside world."—United Press.

FORMAL TRANSFER

Kaunas, Mar. 23.
A member of the Lithuanian garrison will meet German military representatives at noon for the formal handing over of the Memel territory. —Reuter.

NO U.S. RECOGNITION

Washington, Mar. 23.
The acting Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, said today that the United States will not recognize Germany's absorption of Memel.

However, he indicated that it is viewed under a somewhat different category than the absorption of Czechoslovakia.

He drew attention to the absorption of Memel having followed a constitutional procedure.

He said he had received a formal notification from the Lithuanian Minister which had been forwarded to the Treasury Department, a procedure which is interpreted as presaging a penalty on import duties. —United Press.

SOVIET COMMENT

Moscow, Mar. 23.
The "Pravda" commenting on Germany's latest move, declares that "the seizure was not unexpected."

"It follows the Anglo-French policy which failed to take measures to prevent annexation, despite British, French, and Italian guarantees of Lithuanian sovereignty."

"The talk recently heard in London and Paris with regard to a new Anglo-French foreign policy, remains talk." —Reuter Special.

REACTION IN POLAND

The Polish Foreign Office continued on Thursday to be the scene of great diplomatic activity.

Colonel Beck had further talks with the French Ambassador, M. Noel, and with the Slovak Charge d'Affaires, Dr. Klimowski.

The callers also included the diplomatic envoys of Estonia and Latvia.

The surrender of Memel to Germany is having a far-reaching effect on Poland. The two leaders of the opposition conferred with Premier Skladkowski.

Considerable sensation has been created by the arrest of the editor of the paper "Slovak" for having attacked the Government's foreign policy. This action, it is stated, proves that the position of Colonel Beck is as strong as ever.

He still enjoys the full support of the Polish Army and no-one would be surprised if the Government were to take drastic action against the opposition. —Trans-Ocean.

SLOVAKIA INVADED BY HUNGARIANS

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Hungarian invasion, the Hungarian Government has promised an immediate investigation.

However, it said the eastern frontier of Slovakia has never been previously definite and that it is possible that a local conflict has developed between the Hungarian and Slovakian forces near the frontier.

The reply said there is no question of actual military operations and that the reports that the Hungarians invaded Slovakia with German encouragement are completely false. —United Press.

NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

Berlin, Mar. 23.
Official German circles are not so far taking the reports of Hungarian incursions into Slovakia very seriously.

It is considered that the Hungarians, in the course of pacifying Ruthenia, have crossed what was a very vague and doubtful frontier, into territory claimed by the Czechs.

It is recalled that there were similar incidents during the occupation of Sudetenland. —Reuter Special.

FIGHTING NEAR USZOROD

Pressburg, Mar. 24.
It was impossible on Thursday evening to obtain telephonic communication with the eastern part of Slovakia, but according to various reports received, fighting is continuing somewhere near Uszород.

Slovak troops are said to be resisting the Hungarian invasion. Militia guards and several Slovak soldiers were killed, according to a communication received by the press.

TRADE WAR IN EUROPE

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character are covered by the new German-Rumanian agreement.

The development of the enormous natural resources of Rumania, particularly in the direction of agriculture, is the main feature of the agreement, and another highly important aspect is the supply of industrial equipment.

Intensification of products is anticipated, especially of fodder, oil seed, and fibre plants.

Attention is also paid to forestry. German machines and mining equipment will be supplied, and German-Rumanian companies will be formed to exploit copper, chromium and manganese. Bauxite and aluminium industries will be founded.

A German-Rumanian company will promote mineral oil production, execute boring, and a distribution programme.

CO-ORDINATE INDUSTRIES

The two countries will co-ordinate their industries and create new zones in which industrial and trade undertakings will be established, and warehouses will be built for German shipping in the free zone.

The delivery of war materials and armaments for the Rumanian army, navy and air forces, and armaments industries are also included in the agreement.

The agreement will come into force after its ratification, and it will remain valid until March 31, 1944, and if not denounced a year before its expiration, will be prolonged indefinitely subject to a year's notice at the end of every fourth year. —Reuter.

NEGOTIATIONS IN EAST

London, Mar. 23.
The present circumstances are not favourable for the despatch of a British mission to Chungking to consult with the Chinese Government as regards the best opportunities for developing trade in textiles in West China, said Mr. Ronald Cross, replying to Mr. H. Sutcliffe in the House of Commons today.

He added that the Board of Trade did not wish to discourage interests concerned from sending a mission if it was considered that the possibilities of trade were worth exploring. —Reuter.

ITALY-NEGOTIATES

Genoa, Mar. 23.
It is reported that Italy is negotiating for the purchase of 80,000 tons of wheat from Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Rumania. —Reuter.

NOT EXCLUSIVE TO REICH

Bucharest, Mar. 23.
Following the signing of the agreement with Germany, M. Gafencu said: "We are prepared to sign similar treaties with other countries if they wish."

Rumania retains her economic independence under the agreement, according to political circles, which, however, give the impression that Rumania agreed to rather more than was originally wished.

German circles describe the agreement as a "sort of German-Rumanian Five Year Plan." —Reuter Special.

from the leader of the Hlinka Guards, Herr Much.

He admitted that authority has completely broken down in the remote parts of Slovakia.

Slovak troops and Hlinka Guards have been despatched to resist the Hungarian invasion.

The Hungarian troops have been ordered to withdraw at midnight, Thursday (9 a.m. H.K.T.) otherwise Slovak troops would launch a large-scale offensive. —Trans-Ocean.

TOTALLY UNEXPECTED

Pressburg, Mar. 24.
The entry of Hungarian troops into eastern Slovakia is characterised by the Slovak authorities as an utterly unexpected military assault on Slovak territory.

According to reports so far received the Hungarians marched into eastern Slovakia in three columns shortly after mid-night.

Infantry battalions marched from Velke Berezna to Ubia and Sakelina, while one motorised regiment with tanks marched from Uzored in the direction of Sobrance.

At 9.30 a.m. the Hungarians were about 12 miles on the other side of the previous frontier.

Towards 11 o'clock Hungarian formations occupied positions on the Roztoky-Fekizove line.

In the course of the morning, Hungarian airplanes were over Preschov. In the district of Sobrance a fortified Hungarian line is said to have been observed yesterday afternoon.

Reports state that the Slovak troops have dug trenches in positions opposite the Hungarians and are holding these positions. —Trans-Ocean.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

We beg to inform the Public Works Department, on behalf of the hundreds of ricksha-patrons, that Queen's Road Central is a disgrace to it. And we further advise the driver when between the put into a springless van to-morrow and furiously driven over the said road 420 times, with particular attention on the part of the driver when between the Hongkong Dispensary and Messrs. Powell's premises. What this Colony is achieving for is an acting-deputy-assistant-help-surveyor-general who is not a scion of some noble race, perpetually practising on his blotting-pad how "Eqg. J. P." will look, and who will attend to business.

Extracts from the reports of the committee on the naval manoeuvres in 1888 say that the main lesson is that Great Britain is far from being as strong as she should be on the seas. While they believe the navy strong enough to engage any single maritime power, they are of the opinion that no fleet should be lost in placing it beyond comparison of the combined naval forces of any two countries.

25 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1914.
According to trustworthy accounts, the position in the Third Cavalry Brigade at the Curragh and Dublin is unprecedented. On Friday morning the War Office requested officers who were unpaired for active service in Ulster to send in their papers within twelve hours. Seventy, out of seventy-five, including General Gough, N. C. did not send in their papers. As a result of the reference at the War Office on Friday night, General Paget, the Officer Commanding the Tenth Division, was informed on Saturday with the senior officers who had resigned. It was intimated that the War Office was willing to accept the resignations of General Gough and Major Kenney, but not the others, who, if they disobeyed orders, would be liable to be tried by court-martial.

Reuter's correspondent at Vienna states that the Kaiser has visited the Emperor Francis Joseph and afterwards gave an audience to Count Berchtold, the Foreign Minister.

10 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1929.
It is understood that the unification of the Chinese Command and the South China Command of H.M. Land Forces in China will take place in the near future, when Shanghai will cease to be the headquarters of the South China Command and will be at present commanding the South China Command here and presumably will take over the supreme command when the amalgamation has been completed. Brigadier O. C. Barrett will continue in his present office as Brigadier commanding the Shanghai Area.

5 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1934.
A warning that Germany's armament demands are likely shortly to be extended to the naval field is contained in the French Reply to the British Disarmament Memorandum, published today.

The British offer of consultation in the event of violation of the Convention is held to be insufficient. France insists upon common action by the Powers to rectify any infraction by all methods of pressure which would be recognised as necessary.

France recognises and appreciates the value of Britain's Lorraine flotilla, but France cannot tolerate the situation of the difficulties of other Powers with legitimate preoccupations regarding security.

The Note concludes that France will accept no proposal which increases France's disarmament while legalising "rearmament already in violation of Treaties."

After paying off on March 31, the sloop H.M.S. Cornflower is to be handed over to the Hongkong Naval Defence Force for use as a drill ship.

ARMY WEDDING

Capt. A. J. N. Warrack and Miss F. M. Sharp

The wedding took place yesterday at St. John's Cathedral under Captain Alexander John Noel Warrack, M.A., of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and Miss Florence Mary Sharp.

The bride is one of the twin daughters of Lieut.-Col. W. Sharp, O.B.E., and Mrs. Sharp, of Farmborough, Hants, England.

The bridegroom is the youngest son of the late Col. J. S. Warrack, M.A., M.B., and Mrs. Warrack of Grassington, England.

The Rev. St. Hincheliffe officiated at the ceremony. Lieut.-Col. W. D. Arthur, M.B.E., of the Royal Army Medical Corps, gave the bride away, and Major G. F. Harrison, M.B., also of the Medical Corps, undertook the duties of best man.

Later a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reeve, at 461, The Peak.

Australia To Manufacture Warplanes

Decentralisation Of Industry

LONDON, Mar. 23.
THE AIR MINISTER announced in the House of Commons that the United Kingdom air mission, which by arrangement with the Australian Government has been investigating the possibility of aircraft production in Australia, had now completed its report.

The main recommendations had been considered by the United Kingdom Government and the Commonwealth Government, and both governments had decided to accept them generally, and to put them in operation forthwith.

Immediate action would be taken for the manufacture in Australia of air frames to British design suitable for Australian requirements, and also for those of the R.A.F. in the Far East.

The report of the mission emphasised the extent to which engineering resources had been developed in recent years in Australia. Full advantage would accordingly be taken of these resources by a system of widespread sub-contracting throughout the engineering industry. This would accelerate production in peace time, and create a capacity for expansion in an emergency. This scheme, Sir Kingsley Wood declared, was an important contribution to Empire defence. —British Wireless.

PREMIER'S GRAVE WARNING

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of the country serve to show that public opinion generally is in favour of the immediate introduction of limited compulsory service. A six months' period is advocated. —Trans-Ocean.

NOT CHALLENGED

London, Mar. 23.
Government supporters approve of the tone of Mr. Chamberlain's declaration in the House of Commons as regards the international situation, and consider that he could not have been more precise in the present circumstances.

Critics of the Prime Minister in the Government ranks regard it as a strong and important declaration. Several opposition Labour members have expressed satisfaction with the terms of the statement.

It was observed that after the statement, Labour and Liberal front-benchers asked no questions.

Only Mr. A. Bevan, who is an associate of Sir Stafford Cripps, asked challenging questions. —Reuter.

CZECH CONSUL WON'T HAND OVER

Colombo, Mar. 23.
The Czech Consul, who is an Englishman, has refused to hand over the Consulate to the German authorities.

It is understood that he takes this stand on the ground that England has not recognised the annexation of the Czech States. —Reuter.

LAW OF JUNGLE

London, Mar. 23.
Mr. Anthony Eden, addressing American newspaper correspondents at the Savoy Hotel to-day, said that a great part of Europe now sees no low prevail but the law of the jungle, where the prey falls to the swiftest and most ruthless stroke.

He believed it to be the duty of peace-loving nations to unite immediately to organise defence against further aggression.

"We should act with speed, for as conditions are to-day, every hour counts," added Mr. Eden. —Reuter Special.

SOVIET AGREES TO CO-OPERATE

London, Mar. 23.
A note from the Soviet Government handed to the British Foreign Office to-day, confirms agreement of Soviet Russia to the British proposal of a four Power declaration, stated a competent British authority to-night.

At the same time it was stated that the Polish Government continues to make difficulties. The question whether, in the event of Poland maintaining her present attitude, a declaration would be made by Britain, France and Russia, has not yet been decided. —Trans-Ocean.

NEWS IS KNOWLEDGE

QUESTION: How many cigarettes does the average Englishman smoke in a year?
ANSWER: 945.
French experts who have been looking into the matter.

Q: Are Englishmen the heaviest smokers of cigarettes?
A: No. Americans smoke more. Their average cigarette consumption is 1,045 a year. Mexicans come third (740), Belgians fourth (630) and Frenchmen fifth (412).

Q: Are people smoking more nowadays?
A: Yes. The past few years have seen a big increase in tobacco consumption in this country.

Social Items

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Andrew's Church Branch of the Victoria District Missionary Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday, March 28 commencing at 8.30 p.m. sharp. A talk will be given by the Rev. N. V. Halward on "Missionary and Medical Work in Canton."

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Mr. Henry Tordrew, George Peckham, manager of the Victoria Radio Shoppe, and Miss Lily Chan, of 13 Caine Road, Hongkong. The witnesses were Messrs. H. W. A. C. McDonald and Sydney Chan.

The wedding also took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, of Mr. Tsui Yuen-chuen, merchant, and Miss Wu Kiu-ping, of 227 Temple Street, Kowloon. The witnesses were Mrs. Woo Sing and Mr. Yu Siu-ming.

The following forthcoming wedding are announced: Mr. Lin Tak-wai, rice merchant, and Miss Chan Kwan-yau, of 6 Prince's Terrace, Hongkong; and Mr. Tsai Ling-chung, chief editor of the Tien Yuen Pao, and Miss Ho Lai-wa, of 35 Rua de Manduco, Macao.

MEMEL, EUROPE'S NAGGING TOOTH

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with the Reich. The elections will be a plebiscite.

When the elections did come, the Germans practically swept the board last December.

Bertuelt said in the same statement that after the elections Memel would demand proofs of good will from the Lithuanian Government. If it did not get them, he said, the cry "Back to the Reich!" could no longer be suppressed.

When Hitler decided to join Memel-land to East Prussia there couldn't be much opposition. Certainly the Poles had no desire to help Lithuania retain Memel, for in fact the land-hungry Poles wouldn't mind the least carving a piece of Lithuania for themselves.

Pilsudski showed them how to do it. Memel was bound to go the way of Austria and Czechoslovakia some time. Luckily, it went.

NEXT ARTICLE IN THIS SERIES ON MONDAY

Flying Is Hobby At 87

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H. K. T. 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Rachmaninoff—Rhapsody On A Theme Of Paganini For Piano And Orchestra, Op. 43.

Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) with Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

12.55 Rachmaninoff at the Piano. Serenade, Op. 3, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff); Scherzo (Borodin).

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 London Piano-Accordion Band and Sam Browne (Baritone).

There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Woods); One Night in Monte Carlo (Sherman and Lewis); London Piano-Accordion Band under the direction of Scott Wood. With vocal chorus; Talking Through My Heart (film "The Big Broadcast of 1937"); Have You Forgotten So Soon (Gilbert and Nicholls); Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orchestra; Mule Of Brazil (Le Roy and Mursden); The Whistling Waltz (film "Limelight").

1.05 London Piano-Accordion Band under the direction of Scott Wood. With vocal chorus; A Star Fell Out Of Heaven (Gordon and Revel); The One Rose (Lyon and McIntyre); Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orchestra; Mule Of Brazil (Le Roy and Mursden); The Whistling Waltz (film "Limelight").

1.10 London Piano-Accordion Band under the direction of Scott Wood. With vocal chorus; Have A Bit Of Pity On The Crooner (Askey-Barker); Arthur Askey with Small Orchestra; Dance Orchestra—Jam On Toast—Fox-Trot; Tutti Frutti—Fox-Trot; Gent Rupa and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus; Vocal—Slumming On Park Avenue (film "On the Avenue"); This Year's Kisses (film "On the Avenue"); Alice Kaye with Cy Fower Orchestra.

1.15 London Relay—The Grand National commentary on the race by Thomas Woodroffe (assisted by a race-reader), Richard North (assisted by a race-reader), and Victor Smythe from Aintree, Liverpool.

1.25 Close Down.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 New Dance Music. Fox-Trots—There's A New Apple Tree; Day After Day; Jack Hylton and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Fox-Trots—Heart And Soul (film "A Song is Born"); Mayfair Merry-Go-Round (film "Kleing the Moon Around"); Billy Mayerl (Piano) with Dorothy Carless (Vocal); Waltz Medley—Waltzland (arr. Stoddon); Terrence Casey (Organ); Quickstep—Joseph Joseph Tango—So Blue The Skies... Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody; Medley—Toy Land Medley... Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Reginald Ewart at the Organ.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

(a) I Used to be Colour Blind (b) Some of these days; (c) Hawaii Calls; (d) Songs of India.

6.14 Records: Texas Dan (Robison); Happy Go Lucky (Robison)... Carson Robison (Vocal) with Guitar, Accordion and String Bass.

6.21 (a) Where is the Sun; (b) Waddlin' at the Waldorf; (c) Light and Swiny; (d) China-Town.

6.35 Records: Frigates Serenade (Lohr); The Whistler And His Dog (Prior)... Robinson Cleaver (Organ); Somebody's Thinking Of You To-night (Symes and Powell)... Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orchestra.

6.44 (a) Basin Street Blues (b) Shine; (c) I Still Love to Kiss You Goodnight; (d) Every Tub.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Songs by Georges Thill (Tenor).

Burchetta (Lena and Hahn) with Mlle. Laskine (Harp) and M. Lafont (Guitar); Enlevement (Dorcas and Lohr); With Piano accompaniment by Georges Truc; Elegie (Massenet); Fortunio (Messager)... with Orchestra cond. by Pierre Chagnon.

7.15 London Relay—The Discovery Of France.

A selection of the writings of Enlightenment on France, showing their gradual discovery of her fascination by Igor Vinogradoff and Stephen Potter.

7.55 Gennin—Idylle Bretonne. Sir Dan Godfrey conducting the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra. (Duet for two Flutes; Soloists: Jean and Pierre Gennin).

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

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Baltic Pawn

THE IMPLICATIONS behind the German occupation of Memelland are much wider than they appear on the surface. The Memel district, a strip of 853 square miles without which Lithuania scarcely can live is, although so small that it is virtually valueless to Germany economically, highly valuable as pawn in the larger game Germany is now playing in Eastern Europe.

Just as the German occupation of Czechoslovakia and all it implies makes Poland's southern flank highly vulnerable, so does Lithuania, with whom Poland established diplomatic relations only last year through an ultimatum presented at the point of the gun, lie heavily on her northern flank. And although Lithuania is small, her strategic value is tremendous, especially since Poland's western front is exposed at Danzig.

Thus you see in German re-occupation of Memel a lever with which Lithuania can be jostled into almost any position. The first fruits have already become manifest in the Lithuanian-German Non-Aggression Pact, signed yesterday. Germany now has Lithuania's only seaport and Lithuania may, as a result of the dependence she must now place on Germany, find that her freedom is not much more than that enjoyed by the Bohemians, the Moravians or the Slovaks.

You will probably see, as a result of this Memel re-occupation, another spate of diplomatic activity in central Europe, with Warsaw as the axis. Poland, almost surrounded now by Germany, must either resign herself to the knowledge that the Pan-Ukrainian movement Herr Hitler is espousing involves dismemberment of Poland as well as Soviet Russia, or must cast around for new and powerful allies.

In return for facilities in Memel, and especially access to Memel Harbour, Lithuania will almost certainly be forced, in the very near future if not now, to become a vassal of Greater Germany.

Events on the Baltic coast must have a salutary effect on the other little Baltic states, whom Germany would also like to bring within her orbit. They will watch post-Memel developments in Lithuania with the greatest of anxiety as a token of what might be in store for them.

Memel is typical of German colonisation territory. Even after 700 years of German rule it contained, according to the German 1910 census, 71,781 inhabitants of German mother tongue, and 67,124 of Lithuanian mother tongue, while in the Lithuanian census of 1925 43.51 per cent of Memel's inhabitants characterised themselves as of German nationality, 27.59 per cent of Lithuanian nationality and 25.18 per cent as Memellanders.

Thus Memel becomes a second precedent for German territorial claims no longer based on the National Socialist principle alone, but rather on political preference, however obtained. And since all the Baltic States contain large German minorities, an example of what a determined German minority with the backing of Great Germany can do provides them food for thought.

MEMEL, Europe's nagging tooth

by
EMRYS JONES

TURN your eyes to that strip of territory called Memelland that adjoins East Prussia, whose coast is washed by the Baltic Sea, whose people were, until this week, in Lithuania, and whose heart is in Germany.

Note the clean, red-brick cobbled town of Memel itself, and see what a fine jumping-off ground it is as a base for any nation whose ambition it is to make a dive up the Baltic.

Turn your eyes to Memel, because it's like a troublesome tooth—you never know when it's going to start aching.

Hitler and Chamberlain had some words about it when the British Prime Minister met the Fuehrer in Germany during the crisis last year.

Before we investigate that, consider the story of Memel—consider it, because Memel was the result of a smash-and-grab raid, following by another smashing and grabbing that brought it back to Germany yesterday.

Memelland was German until it was taken away from them by the peacemakers in Paris, and it was some time before the Allies decided what to do with it.

Too Late

IN 1923 it was decided for them. In the beginning of that year armed Lithuanians (who until the end of the war had been Russian) began to be heard, began to give the 200 French soldiers there, who were keeping order on behalf of the Allies, a lot of trouble.

To the Allies came urgent requests for help from the French Commissioner. To Lithuania went a protest, and the British cruiser Caledon sailed for the Baltic.

Too late. Thousands of Lithuanians attacked the French, who gave way. So Memel was annexed by Lithuania, and in the following year the grab was recognised when Lithuania signed the



Flanked by Nazi Germany's East Prussia in the West, Memel, German in spirit, makes a jumping off ground for a drive up the Baltic Sea.

Memel Statute, which gave or promised to give Memelland some sort of autonomy.

Great Britain, France, Italy, and Japan guaranteed the integrity of Lithuania and autonomy for Memelland.

Really this decision was to save the consciences of the Allies, who had permitted the Poles under Pilsudski to grab the Lithuanian capital of Vilna.

Name Changed

THE Lithuanians began by assaulting the feelings of the Memellanders, who were German, by changing the name of the German town from Memel to Klaipeda on the railway stations and destroying monuments that reminded the Memellanders of their German background.

However, there was no big cry then to return to the arms of Germany, for that was back in 1923, when a minor agitator called Adolf Hitler was just beginning to raise the storm in far-away Munich.

Soon after the agitator had become master of Germany in 1933, the German Memellander turned their eyes to the Third Reich, propaganda and racial feeling started the tooth aching, and from time to time the twinges were felt all over Europe.

The movement for incorporation in the Third Reich began to gather momentum, till in 1934 Lithuanian troops swarmed into Memelland, arrested leaders and a hundred other prominent German citizens. The Lithuanians held a trial in Kaunas, accused them of plotting to restore Memelland to the realm of Adolf Hitler. They sentenced four men to death, sent nearly a hundred to long terms of imprisonment.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Your neck is too long for the new collar, but I think our Mr. Enloe can fix that!"

I Asked Hitler Questions

Fifth Day in The Series of
Questions and Answers
from an unexpurgated Edition
of "Mein Kampf".

Q. Why did you choose the swastika?

A. "The new flag had to be just as much a symbol of our own struggle as of great advertising effectiveness. Anybody who has much to do with the masses sees great importance in these apparent trivialities. An effective badge can in hundreds of thousands of cases awake the first interest in a movement." (p. 555.)

Q. As National-Socialists we see our programme in our flag. In the red we see the social idea of the nationalistic; in the swastika the mission of the struggle for the victory of the Aryan man." (p. 557.)

Q. What is your view of Freemasonry?

A. "To strengthen his political position the Jew tries to tear down racial and political barriers which at first still hamper his steps. For this purpose he fights for religious tolerance with all the toughness peculiar to him, and has found an excellent instrument for the championship of his cause in Freemasonry, which has completely fallen prey to him.

"Governing circles and the higher grades of the political and business bourgeoisie fall into his snare through masonic strings, without their realising it." (p. 345.)

The work which Freemasonry begins in so-called intellectual circles to further the pacifist, leveling of the drive for national self-preservation is passed on to the broad masses by the activity of the great Press to-day always Jewish." (p. 351.)

Q. What is the fundamental difference between Nazism and Communism?

A. "By its categorical rejection of personality and thus of the nation and its racial content Marxism destroys the elementary basis of all human culture which is dependent just on these factors. This is the real inner kernel of Marxist philosophy. With the destruction of personality and race falls the important obstacle to the domination of the inferior type—and this is the Jew.

"So arises a pure workers' movement under Jewish leadership, pretending to better the condition of the worker, but in reality aiming at the enslavement and destruction of all non-Jewish peoples." (p. 55.)

"The (Nazist) movement must promote respect of the person with all means. It must never forget that in individual worth lies the worth of everything human, that every idea and every achievement is the result of the creative power of a man." (p. 387.)

"The nationalist point of view . . . does not only envisage the different worth of races, but also the different worth of individual men." (p. 421.) "The fundamental difference between nationalism, philosophy and Marxism is that nationalist philosophy does not recognise only the value of race but also the importance of the individual, and makes him the foundation of its whole structure." (p. 301.)

Q. Many say you are taking gambler's risks in Europe. Do you believe in taking risks?

A. "Lack of will . . . hinders every decision connected with risk, as if the magnitude of a deed did not consist in its riskiness.

"He who first demands from fate the guarantee of success, thereby renounces the very importance of a heroic deed. For an heroic deed lies in the fact that although convinced of the danger of a situation, you take the step which will perhaps lead to success. A man sick with cancer does not want to reckon on fifty-one per cent, certainty before risking an operation." (p. 403.)

Q. Do you think it would be a better world if Germany ran it entirely?

A. "If the German people throughout its historical development had possessed the hard-like unity which helped other peoples, the German Reich to-day would be mistress of the world.

World history would then have taken another course, and no man is in a position to decide whether the very thing that has dazzled the pacifists are today hoping to beg by whining and whimpering, peace, would not have come about in this way.

A peace supported not on the hand-wringing of fearful pacifist wailing women, but by the victorious sword of a master of the people which takes the world into the service of a higher culture." (p. 438.)

"A Scandal"

ALL this happened when Hitler gave it out that he had no more territorial ambitions, but in Berlin a few days later it was semi-officially stated (and that's pretty official in Germany) that this did not mean the Fuehrer was not deeply interested in his fellow Germans beyond the frontiers of Nazi Germany.

In the same October that was followed up in Berlin by the comment that suppression in Lithuania "has become an untenable scandal" that did not mean the Fuehrer was not deeply interested in his fellow Germans beyond the frontiers of Nazi Germany.

Said he: "Memel was separated against its will from the German fatherland. Now it desires reunion (Continued on Page 5.)

OVERNIGHT
NEWS PAGE

Anti-Nazi Bloc

Hopes Of
Conference
Improve

London, Mar. 23. The prospects of a very early conference of the anti-aggression Powers improved late last night, according to political circles, as a result of the discussions between Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, and M. Bonnet and M. Charles Corbin, French Ambassador to Great Britain.

It is now considered likely that the British plan for an immediate anti-aggression declaration will be superseded by consultations either in London or Paris, possibly as early as this week-end, along the lines proposed originally by Russia. There are no reliable indications as to who will attend the conference, but political circles believe the conference will possibly be extended beyond Britain, France, Russia, Poland, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Rumania. An invitation may also be sent to the Scandinavian and Baltic countries.

The object would be to build up an impressive list of Powers prepared to stand together for the maintenance of peace.—United Press.

Hint to Germany

Warsaw, Mar. 23. What is interpreted here as a hint to Germany that Poland will consider extension of German influence in Lithuania beyond Memel as conflicting with Polish interests, is contained in a statement by official quarters emphasising that Poland considers the Baltic region to be a region where her direct interests are concerned.—Reuter.

Treaty with Slovakia

Berlin, Mar. 23. The treaty between the Reich Government and the Slovak Government, it is understood, was signed at 12.40 p.m. at the Foreign Office in Berlin. The German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, signed for Germany, while the Slovak Premier, Dr. Tiso, and the Foreign Minister, M. Durcansky, signed for Slovakia.

The contents of the treaty will be published to-night.—Trans-Ocean.

Worry Over Delay

London, Mar. 23. Mr. Neville Chamberlain is expected to make a short statement in the Commons this afternoon indicating the negotiations for promotion of the anti-aggression front still proceeding, but it is doubtful whether he will give much positive information.

It is known that members of all Parties view with concern the passage of time—since Czecho-Slovakia was annexed which has failed to produce any concrete signs of a definite stand being taken, also the impatient delay while diplomats are arguing whether to issue a declaration and then hold a conference or vice versa.

At present the indications are that the Government will not grant permission for a debate on foreign affairs at least until Monday.

A deputation of Labour trade union leaders will visit Mr. Chamberlain at Downing Street this morning and urge him to make no reservations on the issue of giving support to those countries which are prepared to make a stand against aggression.—United Press.

Terms of Agreement

London, Mar. 23. The Daily Telegraph diplomatic writer states, "Mr. Chamberlain and M. Bonnet are understood to have exchanged written memorandum placing on record the verbal agreement which they are believed to have reached at the end of January.

"This was, in effect, support to Britain if the latter regarded German attack on the Low Countries, including Holland, as a threat to Britain. On the other hand, Britain undertook similar pledges towards France in respect of German attacks on Switzerland or other countries vital interest to France.—United Press.

HUNGARY
INVADES
SLOVAKIA

Vienna, Mar. 23. "Political quarters in Bratislava reported that at 8 a.m. to-day Berlin telegraphed that Hungarian troops crossed the frontier into Slovakia near Sobrance and advanced in the direction of Michalovce, occupying several villages on the way. Shortly after 10.30 a.m. Berlin time, other Slovak frontier villages were occupied by regular Hungarian troops advancing on Michalovce from various directions.

So far no resistance has been offered to the Hungarian troops, but the Slovak Defence Minister announced this forenoon that Hlinka Guards have been mobilised and that bombing planes will be used against the advancing Hungarian troops. In addition, all Czech troops still in garrison have been ordered to oppose the advance of Hungarian troops.—Trans-Ocean.

HITLER
IN
MEMELTremendous Welcome:
Speech To Populace

Memel, Mar. 23. Herr Hitler landed from the cruiser Deutschland shortly after 9.30 a.m., G.M.T., and drove to Theatre Square where German troops were drawn up and a crowd waited. All offices and shops were closed.

The German troops from East Prussia reached Memel city shortly after 7 a.m. the sun shining, though snow and ice covered the streets. Many people had flocked into town from the country and large crowds cheered heartily.

German cruisers, destroyers, minesweepers and submarines arrived in Memel ahead of the Deutschland.—Reuter.

Hearty Welcome

Berlin, Mar. 23. Punctually at 5 a.m. German troops started to march into Memel-land from East Prussia.

The Memel Nazi Storm Troopers and hundreds of civilians greeted the incoming troops. As they moved on through Memel territory, every village hoisted swastika flags and hundreds came out of their homes to watch.—Reuter.

Hitler's Address

Memel, Mar. 23. Addressing the Memellanders, Herr Hitler said he was pleased to receive them back to the Reich.

"I lead you back to the Fatherland which you did not forget one which has not forgotten you. You were abandoned by a weak Germany and you returned to a Germany which is strong and ready to make its own destiny. Even if it is not liked by the rest of the world, this new Germany includes over 80,000,000 people.

"Our unity will never break and no other Power shall break it. Twenty years of sorrow and distress will be lessened. We know what we may expect from others. We do not want to harm anyone, but we will not tolerate harm done to us. Now we have substantially reached the end of reparations. I greet you as old German racial members and the youngest citizens of the Great German Reich."

Hitler spoke for eight minutes.—Reuter.

Port Arrangements

Memel, Mar. 22. A new "Memel Port Company" will be founded to manage and to supervise the freeport awarded Lithuania. All Lithuanian property in the Memel port which has been transferred to the Reich will be placed in the hands of the new company.

An agreement will provide that the German port administration will lease for a period of 99 years the use of water and land facilities to the new company, which in return is obliged to place port facilities at the disposal of general traffic for all requirements.

Port duties will be collected by the new company, which also will be granted far-reaching allowances in taxation matters.

The free-zones are still to be defined and customs control will be established at the frontiers—of the free-zones. Germany will retain sovereign rights over all leased territory and free-zones.

The questions arising in connection with the Lithuanian ships registered at Memel will be regulated between the two authorities.—Trans-Ocean.

Treaty With Lithuania

Berlin, Mar. 23. The treaty uniting the Memel district with the Reich was signed here at midnight by Herr von Ribbentrop and M. Urbis, Foreign Minister of Lithuania.

A communiqué states that the two countries undertake never to resort to force against each other, nor support the use of force by a third party against one of the two partners.—Reuter.

Lithuanians Arrested

Kaunas, Mar. 22. A number of Lithuanians are reported to have been arrested by the Nazis in Memel.—Reuter.

Paris Nervous

Paris, Mar. 23. The press generally sees a threat to Poland in the German occupation of Memel.

The Paris Journal urges in order to avoid the encirclement of Poland that Paris and London should promote the re-grouping around Warsaw of all the Baltic States threatened by Germany.

Humanite states that the independence of Poland and Rumania can be saved, but only by a collective effort by the countries threatened by the Hitler push, and collaboration of these countries with the democratic Powers.—Reuter.

Britain Attacked

Berlin, Mar. 23. The jubilation of the press over the return of Memel is interspersed with attacks on Sir Samuel Hoare for his reference in the House of Commons to an ultimatum to Lithuania. Such an ultimatum is flatly denied.

The Hamburger Fremdenblatt writes that the path of victory of right and order is paved with British protest, and warns Poland against following Britain.—Reuter Special.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

guiltless liquidation dismulate liquidify flukeable English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 9.

Labour Problem
In Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 23. Mr. Hiroshi Shimomura, of the Kenkyukai, pointed out in the House of Peers this morning that when the China Incident has been concluded, able-bodied men would return to farming villages and cause a surplus of labour in the country.

Advising that the excessive labour should be exported to the Continent, especially to Manchukuo, he asked the Government as to a policy of co-ordinating agricultural developments between Japan, Manchukuo and China.

Agriculture and Forestry Minister Sakuruchi admitted the inevitability of an eventual surplus of labour, and said that adequate measures would be taken to immigrate agricultural labour to Manchuria and North China.—Domel.

Britain

The Lebruns'
Busy Time
In London

London, Mar. 22. Both Houses of Parliament greeted the President of the French Republic and Madame Lebrun at an impressive ceremony in Westminster Hall.

After a formal reception the distinguished visitors took their seats on chairs at the top of the first flight of steps facing the members of the Lords and Commons with their Cabinets Ministers occupied the front row of seats. After the playing of the Marseillaise the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker of the House of Commons read an address of welcome from both Houses and the President replied.

The ceremony ended with the playing of the Marseillaise and the National Anthem.

Before leaving the President and Madame Lebrun visited the Chambers of both Houses and were entertained by the House of Lords in the Royal Gallery.

Before returning to Buckingham Palace a visit was paid to the Unknown Warrior's Grave in Westminster Abbey, where the President laid a wreath.

The President and Madame Lebrun will visit No. 10 Downing Street this evening to pay an informal call on Mrs. Chamberlain.—Reuter Bulletin.

Visit to Tomb

London, Mar. 23. President and Madame Lebrun drove to St. George's Chapel to visit the new tomb of King George V and departed for London at 3.30 p.m.

At 5 p.m. they attended a reception at the National Gallery by the United Association of France and Britain.—United Press.

Dines At Foreign Office

London, Mar. 23. Before leaving the Royal borough of Windsor, President Lebrun received an address from the Mayor.

A reception will be given by the United Association to President and Madame Lebrun who are dining at the Foreign Office to-night.—British Wireless.

Philippines

Consular
Disagreement
Hinted

Manila, Mar. 23. The possibility of a disagreement between the United States High Commissioner, Mr. Paul McNutt, and the German Consul-General, Herr G. Sakowsky, is foreseen pending clarification of the status of the Czech Consulate.

Herr Sakowsky yesterday told the Press that he had not asked Mr. McNutt to recognise him as Czech Consul but that he would "act for the Czech-Slovak Government in accordance with instructions from Berlin," despite the United States non-recognition of the absorption of Bohemia and Moravia.

Possibly in response to Herr Sakowsky's remarks, Mr. McNutt

Peiping Government And
Economic Control

The agenda of the Provisional Government's economic mission to Japan, which is leaving to-morrow, reveals that the mission is practically limited to the Japanese Government to take control of all economic affairs in China.

Trade problems to be discussed will be first, Customs duties on imported rayon, semi-silk and semi-woollen manufactures, electrical machinery, locomotives, agricultural machinery, sea products and fertilisers; second, the standard for assessing Customs rates—the agenda hopes the duties will be made the same as those in Manchukuo, with wool & cotton-free and coal and charcoal paying as small a duty as in Manchukuo; third, reduction or abolition of the import tariff for South China products such as tung oil, which are not produced in North China, but the flour tariff to be kept high to promote production in North China; and, fourth, abolition of the Customs gold unit which shall be replaced by Foreign Reserve Bank notes.

The impact of "daily necessities for the masses in North China" will also be discussed, the necessities listed including all types of machinery, fertilisers, hats, underwear, perfumes, and drugs.

The agenda hopes that Japanese traders will handle the exports to third countries "since the Chinese merchants are not accustomed to such business."

Imports of Japanese goods are to be speeded up through enlargement of Tangku Harbour and an increase in the number of vessels plying between China and Japan. The Japanese are also asked to supply technical supervisors for Chinese owned factories and to help investigate new markets.

The agenda emphasises the need for industrial co-operation and asks for Japanese technicians and capital help increase the production of cotton, wheat, tobacco, rice and livestock, and open Chinese mines with the exception of those already controlled.—United Press.

Italy

IMPORTANT
SPEECH
BY KINGVictor Emanuel Makes
Friendly Gesture

Rome, Mar. 23. The King in a speech inaugurating the new Chamber of Fascists and corporations this morning revealed that the Government in a note to the French Government on December 17 laid down the points of difference dividing the countries at that moment.

Referring to Britain, the King said that it has been possible to come to an agreement re-creating the situation which the Geneva measures (sanctions) largely compromised. He also mentioned the necessity of continuing and amplifying the armed forces of Italy.

The King paid a tribute to his Government for its efforts towards organising the economic life of Italy, and stated that particularly friendly relations have been established with Albania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Poland and Switzerland.—Reuter Special.

Desire for Peace

Rome, Mar. 23. In his speech the King said: "To develop the resources of our Empire, Italy, although not lulling herself in the illusion of perpetual peace, desires that peace should last as long as possible. With this aim in view, peace for us and for all—our armed forces must be oriented. Much has been done, but much more must be done, because our armaments regarding both quantity and quality both in the air and sea should not be inferior to others. As for men Italy has no preoccupation, and as for their morale she can be proud of them."

The exceptional expenses sustained by the war in Spain and the war in Africa have imposed extraordinary efforts on the State's finances. This exceptional financial situation in relation to an unusually exceptional period of our history and that of Europe.

"I have greatly appreciated the efforts of my Government and all economic organisations which have accomplished and are accomplishing to reach the maximum possibilities of economic independence—a condition which is a sine qua non of this policy.—United Press.

No Peace Yet

Rome, Mar. 23. The King concluded his speech by saying that Europe had not yet found peace. This had been proved by the collapse of certain artificial and political structures erected after the world war.

They were living in difficult times which shaped the character of the peoples, he said, hence there could be no doubt about the future of the Italian peoples. Italy has been shaped in war and, thanks to its national solidarity, will accomplish the tasks set before it.—Trans-Ocean.

PARIS REACTION

Paris, Mar. 23. Authoritative circles are somewhat puzzled by King Victor Emmanuel's speech. It is pointed out that the Italian note of December 17 did not contain precise demands.

A message from Rome states that the King's reference to the note to France concerns repudiation by Italy of the 1935 Franco-Italian Treaty.

News of the repudiation became known in Paris on December 22. An impression prevails in Italian political circles that some effort by Britain and France to show that byones must be byones is of paramount urgency.

The friendliness reference to Britain, and the absence of feeling of bitterness with regard to France is felt significant.

The sobriety of the reference to the Rome-Berlin axis is also marked.

"The King's reticence cannot fail to arouse notice in Berlin and elsewhere," remarked an Italian listener.—Reuter.

told the Press: "The German Consul has apparently forgotten that recognition of even his status as Consul for Germany depends on the United States Government."

It is not known whether any official correspondence has been exchanged with regard to this situation.—United Press.

French Loan
Issue

Tokyo, Mar. 23. Viscount Kiko Okochi suggested in the House of Peers yesterday that the Government should take adequate measures for an amicable settlement of the French-Japanese dispute over the payment of interest on the French loan issued by the Tokyo Municipality.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Kato, said that the issue was whether the interest should be paid in gold francs or paper francs. The Tokyo Municipality was proposing to pay it in paper, while the French authorities were requesting to have it paid in gold.—Domel.

North China

TSINGTAO
HARBOUR
RE-OPENED

Tsingtao, 23. The Japanese Consul-General Mr. Denjro Kato, officially announced this morning that the great harbour at Tsingtao is being opened to Third Power shipping on and after March 25.—Reuter.

Third Powers' Reaction

Shanghai, Mar. 23. The Japanese authorities indicated to-day the reopening of the Yangtze to foreign shipping, but the date is indefinite and contingent on military necessity.

Meanwhile they announce the reopening of the port of Tsingtao. Neutral circles point out, however, that Tsingtao has not been opened until after Peiping's currency regulations of March 10 were effective.

Some believe that the Yangtze will be closed until the North China economic restrictions are extended to Central China. It is pointed out that the re-opening of ports and rivers are of minor significance so long as the new economic restrictions are enforced.

Semi-official Japanese sources say that the third Powers' interpretation of the re-opening of Tsingtao as an empty gesture, would probably result in no further gestures.

It is understood that two godownless for general cargo and one berth for petroleum cargo will be allocated as a commencement in Tsingtao.—United Press.

Japanese Consul's Statement

Shanghai, Mar. 23. The hope that third Powers will realise how Japan respects their peaceful trading and will therefore co-operate in the establishment of the new order in East Asia was expressed by the Japanese Consul-General at Tsingtao in a statement announcing the re-opening of the outer harbour to foreign shipping from March 25.

Replying to questions at a press conference here, a Japanese spokesman assured a foreign correspondent that the same principle would apply to the Yangtze which would be re-opened to foreign shipping when military necessity permitted.—Reuter.

The China War

Resistance
To Invasion
Still Strong

Washington, Mar. 23. It is learned that confidential reports from the interior of China has caused the impression in diplomatic circles that Chinese unity is increasing.


Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will probably be able to prolong the warfare indefinitely, said the reports, which indicated that, barring unpredictable developments abroad, China's chances of prolonging organised struggle had not deteriorated recently and that sufficient supplies were still arriving including considerable supplies from Russia. It is believed that the Eighth Route Army is offering great resistance.

The reports confirmed that there was wider support from the people of South China for the Central Government than seemed likely following the fall of Canton.

Reports that the Japanese are reinforcing the Russian border garrison has not excited particular interest in view of past "scare"—United Press.

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AND here is a confession. My own education has been sadly neglected in this respect. I have not yet seen "The Citadel." But 600,000 people can't be wrong.

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DAILY SKETCH

AT THE **QUEEN'S**

TODAY

BREAKING
ALL
RECORDS!

"HOT" FAVOURITES HAD LEAN TIME IN FIRST EXTRA

MR. ENCARNACAO SCORES FIRST WIN ON AUSSIE

(By "Captain Foster")

Generally speaking, favourites had a lean afternoon at the First Extra Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club held last Saturday, but there was present a good turn out of the regular followers of the turf.

Apart from the good racing and a few juicy dividends which enlivened the meet, Mr. Charlie Encarnacao must have been tickled to death over his success on Chyler, owned by Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, in the Handicap Plate, over a mile, for it was his first winning mount on an Australian pony at Happy Valley. The victory must have warmed the champion jockey's heart, for he was in great form, piloting two more subsequent wins on Rose Eldet and Rose June in the Hongkong Handicap, first and second sections respectively, but the chance of securing a "hat-trick" on Smiling Time was nipped in the bud by Silver Star (won by a neck) in the Tatum Handicap (second section) ably ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao. The latter had two wins (King Kong and Silver Star), both being in the first and second sections of the Tatum Handicap and incidentally Mr. Tao provided the combination for the daily double betting which paid \$1,054.70 for a five dollar ticket. I have not a long memory, but I think Mr. Tao is now the sixth jockey who rode the two winners in the daily double event.

Messrs. Eu Tong-sen and T. E. Peace were the most successful owners, each having two wins. It was a pity that Desert Chief could not accept the Hongkong Handicap (first section) as the chestnut gelding was a suspicious, but it is to be hoped that he will soon be donning the silk. Mr. Eu

Tong-sen's Smiling Thru, who was the second best 1938 sub-griffin, has not appeared in public after his successful run in the Sub-Griffins Plate on September 24 and I hear he is still under the care of a vet.

STARTING SOON

There are in addition a few good ones such as Cameronian, Confusion Bay, Dawn Star, Half-Moon Bay and Happy Eve who did not face the starter at the Annual Carnival, but I trust that they will weigh out at the Easter session.

It may be of interest to know that Mr. Eric Moller's Navylight, who pulled up lame after running second to Rose Eldet in the Hongkong Derby, is now in Shanghai and it is reliably learned that the mare will not be seen in action until after the recess.

It has been represented to me on good authority that Hetman, belonging to the Chairman of the Club, and Trentbridge, owned by Mrs. T. E. Peace, have been destroyed, the latter being the winner of the 1933 Blue Riband.

Among the Australian ponies, Mr. Li Lan-sang's Courting Eve is back on the course, but I have not as yet seen Mr. J. F. Macgregor's Strathroy who has spent the winter in Fanning. I hear that Electron (the property of three Medlocks) is in a very bad condition and there is a possibility of destroying the animal.

China Ponies Provide Useful Information For Future Racing

Last Saturday's racing was not only excellent, but gave us some good line for the future. The running of some China ponies, specially among the batch of subscription griffins of this season, showed clearly the difference between handicap and class form.

After a sequence of five unsuccessful outings, Mr. G. Trevelton rode a clever race on the winner, Avon, belonging to Sir Vandeleur Grayburn in the Lotteries Stakes over six furlongs, beating Pleasant View, with Mr. K. L. To up by a neck. It was a novice event, the jockeys being penalised with a penalty of 2 lbs. for each race won and in the circumstance Mr. Trevelton had a pull of six pounds. The jockey on Pleasant View made the running at the release, the barrier followed by Avon, and the first quarter was covered in 28½ seconds, which was too fast a run up the Black Rock. The second quarter was negotiated in about the same time, but both ponies were crawling along in the home stretch with 32 seconds for the last quarter. It was, however, a good fight, Jennifer, who let the public down badly, failed to strike her best, but will no doubt be in better condition at the Easter meeting.

A SURPRISE

The glorious uncertainty of racing was witnessed in the Tatum Handicap (first section) over a mile for China ponies, subscription griffins, when Musketeer (who finished third) went under badly to King Kong and Strathbannock. It was certainly a big surprise for King Kong as the pony had only a win at the Annual Race Meeting. It must, however, not be overlooked that King Kong had a pull of 23 lbs. against Musketeer and the difference of weights was too much for the Valley Slakes winner to concede. Apart from the interest shown in the first handicap event, with a field containing winners and placed subscription griffins of the season, Musketeer was selected by the betting public as the best kill of the afternoon.

The students of form poured out money like water on the chestnut charger and the fight was backed to the tune of 2,125 tickets for a win out of a total sum of over 4,000 odd. However, the result of this classic handicap event showed that Musketeer, Orange Boven and Portrush could not carry extra lead over the weight for inches as per scale. Contrary to expectations, Chatterbox refused to line up, but 15 racers weighed out and the mile was run in 2:01½ which was an amazing performance.

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Eastern Beat Royal Scots On Sodden Ground

ODD GOAL IN SEVEN SETTLES ISSUE OF SENIOR SOCCER TIE

With rain falling intermittently and the ground sodden, conditions were far from ideal yesterday afternoon when Eastern met the Royal Scots in the First Division of the Hongkong Football League on the Club ground. The surface was so slippery that to keep on one's feet was difficult and as a result good ball control was more or less out of the question. Nevertheless during the 70 minutes of football, no fewer than seven goals were scored, the Chinese beating the soldiers by the odd goal.

A peculiar feature of the game was the number of scoring opportunities missed, but this was due almost entirely to the players' inability to control the ball.

Considering the conditions prevailing, the two teams played extraordinarily good football in mid-field, and there was method in the approach work of both sides. But when the forwards got to within shooting distance, however, they were not so impressive.

The game started off with an early thrill, the Scots being unlucky not to take the lead in the first minute. Cook, on the right, sent the ball in after a good run, but the ball skidded past with the inside forwards looking on helplessly. The Scots had another opportunity shortly afterwards to go ahead, but Parnaby's shot went wide. The Chinese then had their period of attacking but they also met with no success.

DING DONG BATTLE

Exchanges were very even at this stage, the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other without result until the Eastern attack finally succeeded in penetrating the Scots' defence. Hsu Ching-to tore away on the left wing and sent in a shot which Duncan pushed out to Yu Yuch-shing. The latter shot for goal but the ball struck Park and rebounded into play, whereupon Hsu King-shing pounced on it and scored.

Rather against the run of play, Eastern went further ahead shortly afterwards, Lee Tack-kee adding their second goal.

The soldiers fought back gallantly, however, in spite of this reverse and before long had got on level terms, MacDougall being the scorer on both occasions.

In the second half, Eastern made several determined attacks and were unfortunate not to score in the first few minutes. The soldiers weathered the storm, and after a re-arrangement in the forward line, they went ahead for the first time when Bailey broke through to score.

Eastern drew level soon afterwards from a corner, Lee Tack-kee heading the ball into the net. With the scores tied, both sides went all-out for a win, and Eastern succeeded in the closing minutes when Lee Tack-kee was given a perfect pass and he made no mistake.

Teams:
Eastern:—Lau Hin-hon; Tsui Boven, Moh Wai-kuok; Lau Shih-tan, Tang Chung-wan, Lo Wai-shuen, Chan Ping-to, Yu Yuch-shing, Lee Tack-kee, Tsui King-shing, Hsu Ching-to.
Royal Scots:—Duncan, Park, Fraser, Brown, Marshall, Clarke, Cook, Parnaby, MacDougall, Bailey, Bankier.

Special Homeside Soccer Forecast

The following teams are specially selected to win in the Home Football programme tomorrow:

Home Winners

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Sheffield U.
Tottenham
Bournemouth
Barnsley
Bradford C.
Oldham
Stockport

Optional Selections

Coventry
Southampton
West Bromwich
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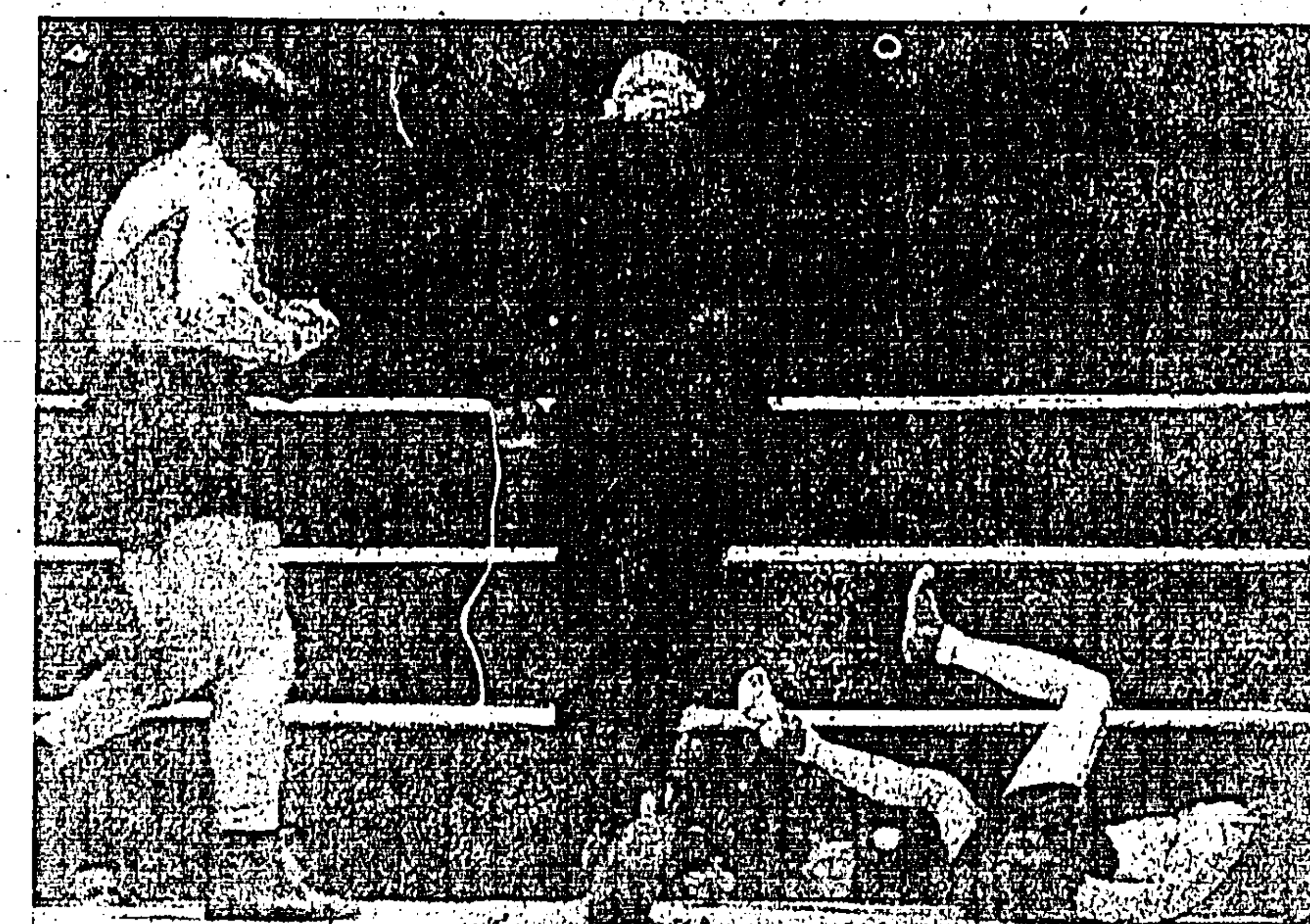
All-India Team To Play Recreio

The following have been chosen to represent the All-India XI in a friendly hockey game against the Club de Recreio on Sunday, March 26 at 10.15 a.m. sharp on the Recreio ground:—(Weather permitting):

N. C. Sen-Gupta (H.K. University); Gusein Singh (Kumoon Rifles); Datta Ram (Raj. Rifles); M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.); Lal Singh (Kumoon Rifles); M. H. Hassan (Radio); Hav. Shah Wali (Raj. Rifles); Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); L. Pritam Singh (Raj. Rifles); Captain, Nertin Singh (Kumoon Rifles); and Pariah (Kumoon Rifles).

K.C.C. Team To Play Police

The following will represent the K.C.C. in a second division league cricket match against the Police at Happy Valley to-morrow.
Mulcahy (captain), T. A. Madar, F. A. Broadbridge, S. A. Gray, B. D. Lay, G. A. Goodban, G. E. Taylor, J. R. Luke, W. L. McKenzie, R. Baldwin, and R. A. Simpson. Umpire: H. Brokenshire.



Picture shows the finish of the recent fight between Eric Boon and Arthur Danahar for the lightweight championship of Great Britain. Boon, the champion, has just sent his opponent crashing to the canvas and the referee intervenes awarding the fight to the title-holder.

FINE WEATHER AND GOOD GOING FOR GRAND NATIONAL

Many Horses Expected To Finish In The Race

London, Mar. 23.

With an outsider, Squadron Castle, winning the first leg of the spring double, book-makers are sitting pretty over the Grand National, especially as the race is considered one of the most open in many years with no horse competing comparable with giants of the past like Manifesto and Cloister.

Fine weather and good going are likely to result in a large number of finishers and there will be no debacle like 1920 when only two finished.

This, however, makes the picking of the winner even more difficult. One of the most interesting runners will be Drim, who finished the course last year. He will be ridden by the young amateur, jockey, Mr. Jack Morris, who has only recently taken up riding. Mr. Morris will win £7,500 for an outlay of £71 if Drim wins. He found layers to wager 100 to 60 against him completing the first circuit, 500 to 10 against him getting over the first fence and 1,000 to one against him winning the race.

A lot of late money has been wagered recently on Blue Shirt, who finished seventh last year when starting as a joint favourite. He was backed to win £11,000 last night.—*Reuter.*

100/1 Scotchwood (o)
100/1 Tuckmill (o)
100/1 Epiphany (o)

—*Reuter.*

JOCKEYS ASSIGNED

London, Mar. 23.
Mr. Hislop will ride Sporting Piper in the Grand National, and Elder will take out Lucky Patch. Scratchley will ride Pencaik. Jockeys for the other horses are as previously announced. Jovial Judge has been scratched.—*Reuter.*

Aldine Wins Liverpool Handicap

London, Mar. 23.

The Liverpool Hurdle Handicap over two miles and one furlong resulted in a win for Aldine, starting at 4/1, with Isdes, 20/1, second and Santayana, 100/6 third.

Eighteen ran in the race. Aldine won by four lengths and two lengths separated second and third. Aldine was fourth in the Lincolnshire Handicap race yesterday.—*Reuter.*



LONDON UNIVERSITY GIRLS receiving rowing instruction in the lake at Chiswick. The crew met Oxford University women at Oxford recently.

RUGGER RELATIONS PATCHED UP

Britain And France Bury Hatchet

Paris, Mar. 23.

The "olive branch" extended by four British Rugby Unions in an effort to resume rugby relations with France is welcomed by sporting circles here.

The newspaper *Auto* hails the letter from the British Unions as a "joyful thunder-clap in the rugby world," but states that everything was by no means settled. It points out that the French Federation is holding an extraordinary meeting on Sunday to discuss the letter and its terms, which included the abandonment of the French Championship which hitherto had been the chief obstacle to resuming matches.

It is understood the conditions also included permanent suspension of managers who paid or are still paying players and that managers and players who have been concerned with the Professional League should not be reinstated by the French Federation which must also observe the International Board's Rules, namely "A player ordered off should not be allowed to return to the field."

M. Laurent, Secretary of the French Federation, says all conditions are easily acceptable and believed the Federation will suggest that England and France play in Paris on January 1, 1940.—*Reuter.*

Rugger Matches At Home

London, Mar. 23.

The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby Union to-day:

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Bath 3 Weston-Super-Mare 7
—*Reuter.*



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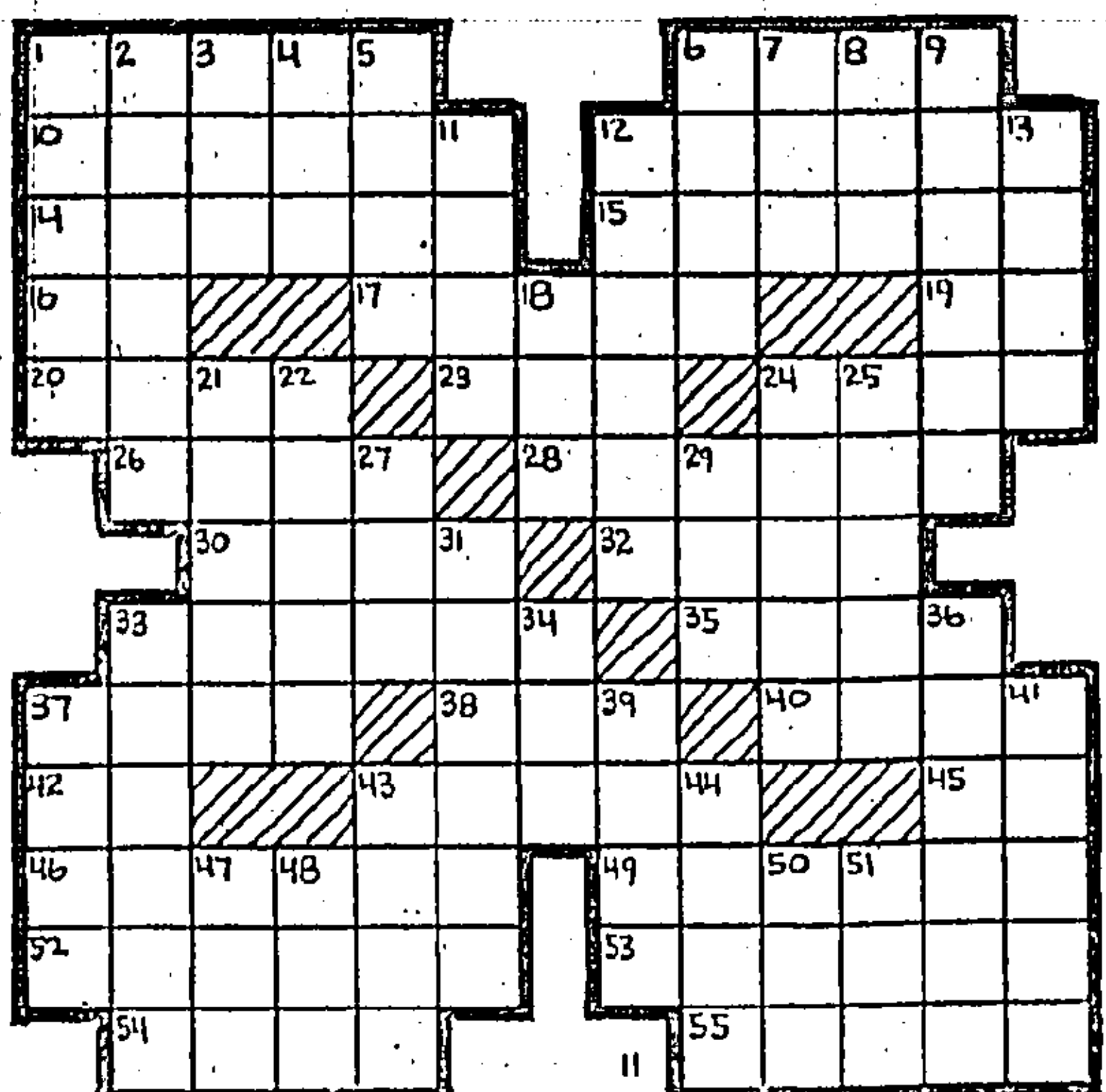
ACROSS

1—Turn aside
2—Journey
3—Succession
4—Dance
5—Magician's word for "trick"
6—Pate of the 18th
7—Amendment
8—Just an act
9—Place
10—Place of neck
11—Waiting place
12—Tardy
13—Disembark
14—Korea science
15—Listening dot
16—Point
17—Highway
18—Power
19—Kerky suitable
20—Empire of Russia
21—Three-toed sloth
22—Dancer of Idaho
23—Exist
24—Lanes
25—Union of Socialist Soviet Republics
26—Picard
27—Gianted

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

1—Trembling
2—Pertaining to spring
3—Before
4—Japanese miles
5—Lead (French)
6—Three-spot
7—Knots
8—Butlers
9—Fold
10—Cries convulsively
11—Over-decorated
12—Open
13—Previous experience
14—Entrance
15—Pain
16—Pain
17—Headpiece
18—Remove from office
19—One who makes dirty
20—Heavy liquid
21—Hydrophobia
22—Rhaps
23—Dallies
24—Prizes
25—Inclined
26—Doubtless dance
27—Wraith
28—Lair
29—Deadened tone on
30—Secret agent



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THE STORY BEHIND THE FROCK

FASHIONS have never been greater fun than they are this spring. In the evening we are all going in for fancy dress, and, what is more, we are getting used to it; in the daytime we swing along in little-girl frocks, so gay and youthful, with their wide skirts and closely-fitting little bodices.

Funny part of it—most of our little-girl frocks are a type of fancy dress, too.

Don't misunderstand me, by fancy dress I don't mean anything extraordinary or only fit for costume dances. For the true interpretation of the term "fancy dress" is really a style which has made history in the past but which has now gone out of fashion.

But this season many period styles are highlights of fashion again.

MOST popular daytime fashions of the moment, as you know, are modifications of the various picturesque peasant styles worn in parts of Normandy, Brittany, Italy and in Central Europe generally.

And I can't help thinking that all the little peasant girls who still keep to their traditional costume must be very proud to think that smart women are copying their frocks to-day.

LOOK, for instance, at the charming peasant frock shown in the sketch and compare it with the original peasant style shown in the background. Haven't they many points in common?

And hasn't the modern designer given a touch of modern sophistication to his interpretation of a simple peasant gown?

The dress is in a beautifully soft angora fabric.

THE other frock is most becoming, graceful and unique. The style is a craze of the moment in the States. It is cut all in one with a belt at the waist to regulate the fullness, and a modified cowl neckline.

You can see its inspiration in the background—the habit of a monk.

Very popular this Spring are lovely print frocks in an all-over floral design, and in the most glorious colourings.

SHORT CUTS

The flesh of fish will remain white and firm in boiling if a tablespoon of vinegar is added to the water.

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Useful Hints

To prevent lumps in gravy, add a pinch of salt to the flour used for thickening before mixing it with water.

When scrambling eggs, add a little dry, ready-to-serve cereal to the batter for larger portions and an improved flavour.

Place a Turkish towel over the table end of the sewing machine when sewing on silk material. It will keep the silk from slipping.

BEEES GET BEACH VACATION

Sydney, Australia. Seaside vacations for overworked bees have been adopted in Australia. As a result of dry conditions which caused the collapse of some apiaries, millions of bees are now being transferred to the seaside at Rosbud for recuperation. They seem to enjoy the seaside air.



You can see the story behind these two frocks in their actual background. The one on the left is one of the fashionable peasant styles, with a two-colour contrast on the bodice. The one on the right is of monastic inspiration. Both are typically 1939.—(Selfridge.)

Children Who Look Too Far Ahead

THERE are many children in our schools and nurseries who get little pleasure from what they are doing at the moment because of too great an anticipation of what lies ahead. Something went wrong evidently with the early home training of these young people. Or, perhaps, neither parents or nurses realised that small children can be taught to concentrate.

To arouse the concentrative habit we must first get a child's interest, and this can only be maintained for a relatively short time with young children. Play usually occupies much of a child's life before he is of school age and here, unless we provide too many toys, is an opportunity of getting a child to stick to one game at a time, without worrying about what he is going to play afterwards.

Many modern nurseries contain so many playthings that the owner often discards the lot after a short interval and inquires, "What can I do next?" Children love change of occupation, but they must learn to persevere and concentrate, and the child who has acquired these habits before he goes to school stands a better chance of making good progress in scholastic endeavour.

To-morrow Can Take Care of Itself

Every young child should be encouraged to put his mind and efforts on what he is doing at the moment. To-day and now are all important. To-morrow should be left to take care of itself where young children are concerned, and yet many parents think otherwise.

Often new children at school know that they are only there for a short time, so they form a habit of not worrying too much about the school work they are to do in the meantime. It is unwise to tell a child that he is to leave a certain school next term or the term after, unless every home influence is brought to bear on impressing him to do his best at his present school. A better plan is to allow a child to work without having to worry about the future. It is sufficient if

the teachers know of future movements of the child. Frequently a child's work deteriorates immediately he hears that he is leaving his present school. Often, quite unconsciously, the child is worried and anxious.

One day, certainly some years ahead, children will of necessity have to arrange fixtures ahead for themselves. But then they should be wiser than they are to-day. To-day we wish them to concentrate on the thing they should be doing at the moment and pay no attention to anything else. Only by this can they get the best out of work and play.

When they have learnt this excellent habit they can concentrate on the next activity.

Tiring of Toys

Perhaps you know a small boy who gets half a dozen toys out of his cupboard, plays with them for a few minutes, then pushes them on one side and returns to his cupboard for more. If you do, take him in hand. Put all the toys away except one he chooses for himself as the favourite, and lock the others away. Then try to become a boy-yourself. Get down on the floor and show him the possibilities, still unfathomed by him, which the toy possesses. Perhaps he is tired of building castles with his bricks. Show him how to build a church.

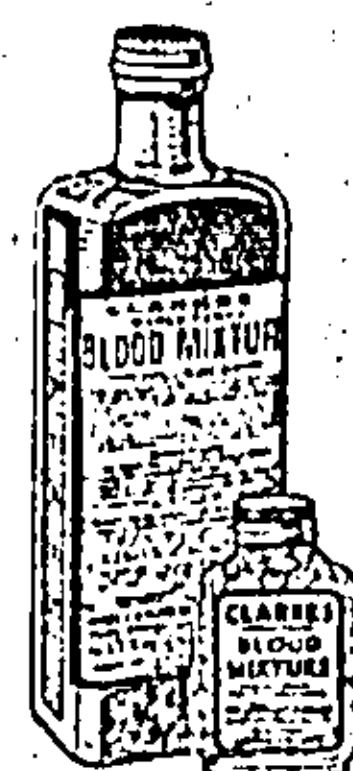
When the church is completed and not before, encourage him to try to construct something else. An inventive child can do wonders with the box of bricks. Most children will need to develop the patience and concentration can be developed when parents take a lively interest in their children.

Any child who has acquired the habit of thinking of what he is doing at the moment, who can concentrate on one thing at a time and finish that before asking, "What can I do next?" is almost sure of success in later life.

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Only One Man Was Saved



LIFEBOAT A MASS OF TANGLED WRECKAGE

SEVEN MEN were drowned when the St. Ives lifeboat capsized off the Cornish coast recently. It had been launched in a terrific sea to go to the aid of an unknown vessel. William Freeman, the only survivor of the crew of eight, was washed ashore. Here is a page of pictures which show the lifeboat, the John and Sarah Eliza Stych, high and dry on the Godrevy Rocks with its hull stove in and its superstructure a mass of tangled wreckage.

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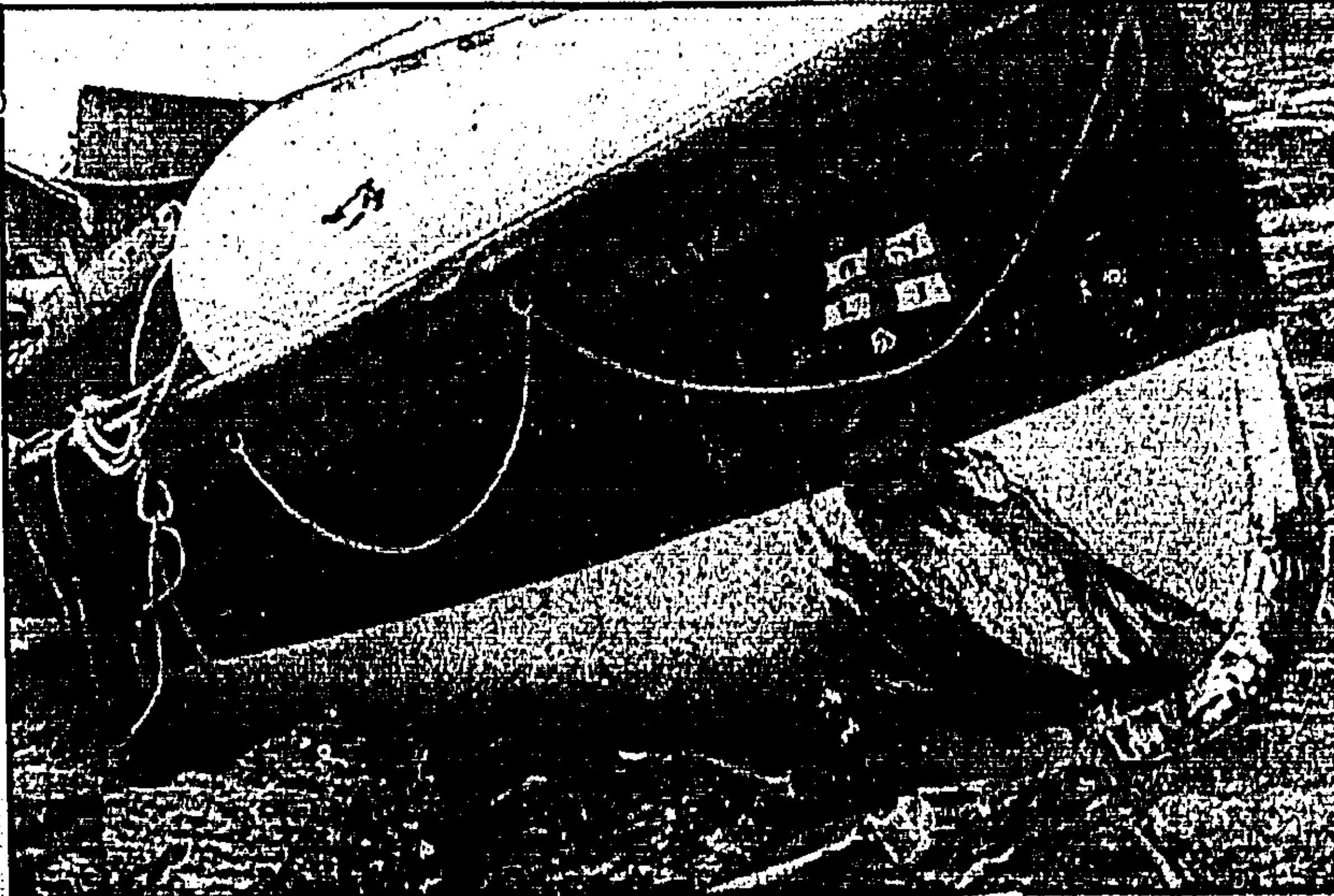
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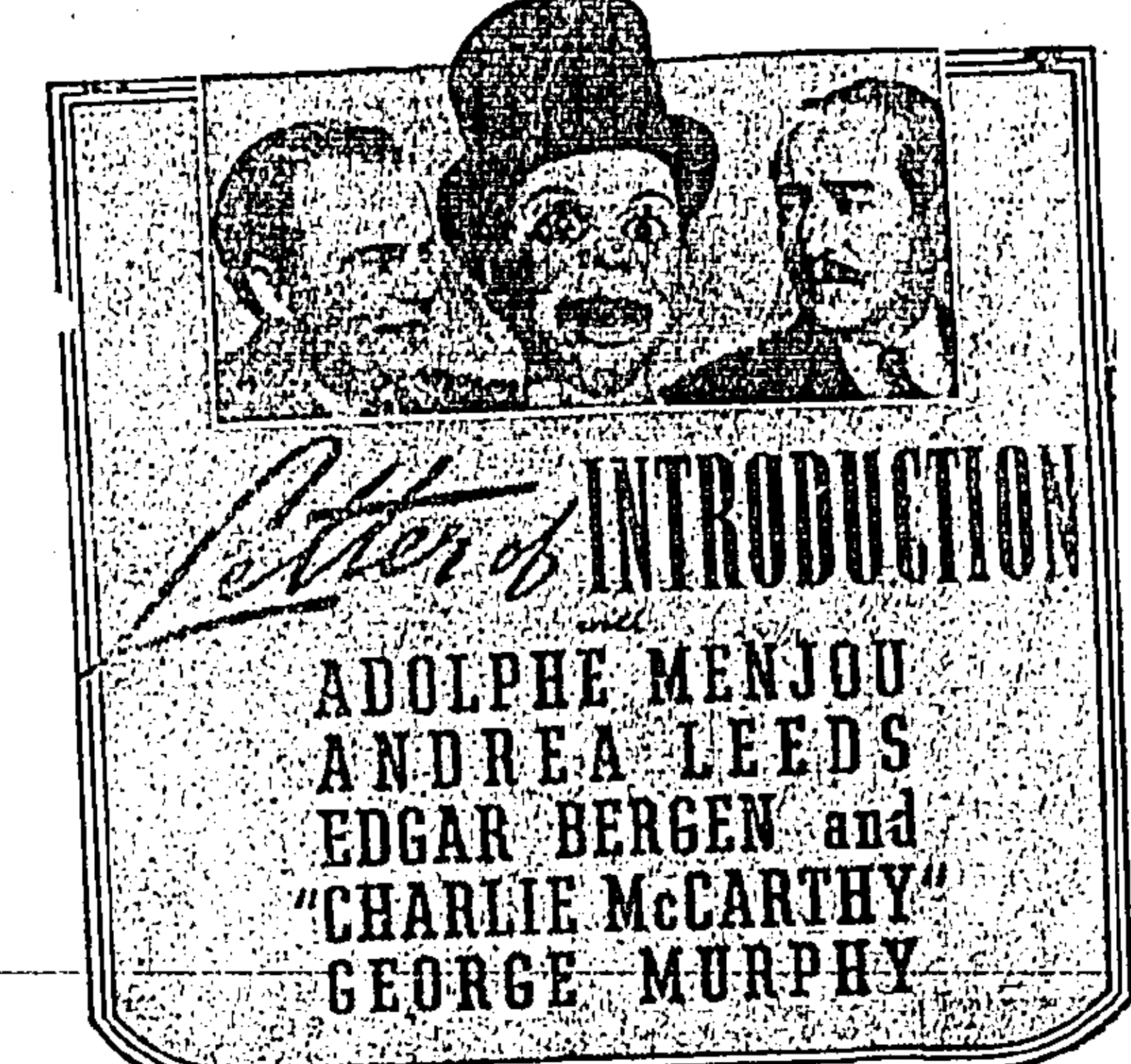


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President's Visit Draws To Close

London, Mar. 23.

The State visit of the President of the French Republic ends to-morrow. To-night President and Madame Lebrun, together with the King and Queen, Queen Mary, and other members of the Royal Family, leading Ministers of State, and Ambassadors and Ministers at the Court of St. James attended a banquet given at the Foreign Office by the Foreign Secretary and Lady Halifax. —British Wireless.

Schuschnigg To Gain Freedom

Vienna, Mar. 23.

It is expected that Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, former Austrian Chancellor, will be released in two or three weeks time. —Reuter Special.

Bluecher Dropped By Soviet

Moscow, Mar. 23.

The list of the new Political Bureau just announced includes M. Stalin, M. Andrejyev, M. Voroshilov, M. Zhdanov, M. Kaganovich, M. Kallinin, M. Kikotyan, M. Molotov, M. Kluzhev, M. Beria, and M. Shvernik. Field-Marshal Bluecher is among prominent figures eliminated from the Bureau. —Reuter.

Bomb Explosion In Coventry

COVENTRY, Mar. 23.

A bomb exploded in one of the main streets here at 11.15 a.m. today, blowing a huge hole, demolishing a lamp-post and shattering windows within a radius of 200 yards.

There were no casualties, as the street was deserted at time. —United Press.

"Mein Kampf" Has New Edition

London, Mar. 23.

The first unabridged edition of Herr Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was published to-day by Hurst and Blackett.

The book, which was translated by James Murphy, is sold at 8s. 6d. An abridged edition of "Mein Kampf" was published in London shortly after Hitler took over power, but had to be withdrawn three years ago at the request of the German publishers. —Trans-Ocean.

FALSE FIRE ALARM

A fire alarm, believed to be from Elgin Street, was received by the Fire Station at 11.20 a.m. but when fire appliances arrived on the scene, it turned out to be false.

Big Warship Dock Urged

New York Facilities If Europe Bombed

Washington, Mar. 23.

The Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Leahy, has sent a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, recommending that Congress should authorize Government aid to private interests for building a dry dock in New York harbour big enough to handle the largest United States and foreign naval vessels.

"In the case of a war in Europe, it is highly probable that dockyards in Europe will be heavily bombed, he said. "It would be desirable to have in New York harbour a dock which

Better Sentiment On Stock Exchange

London, Mar. 23.

A respite from unfavourable European developments caused a generally better sentiment on the London Stock Exchange to-day, with prices steadily improving under the lead of gilt-edged holdings and Kaifra.

Subsequently there was a general support.

Among commodities, metals were slightly firmer, with a rather brighter outlook.

The foreign exchanges were quiet and narrow apart from the Swiss franc, which, after considerable fluctuations, closed stronger.

Wall Street was quietly firm. —Reuter Special.

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Admiral Leahy recommended that the Government should contribute \$3,500,000 of the estimated \$5,500,000 total cost. —United Press.

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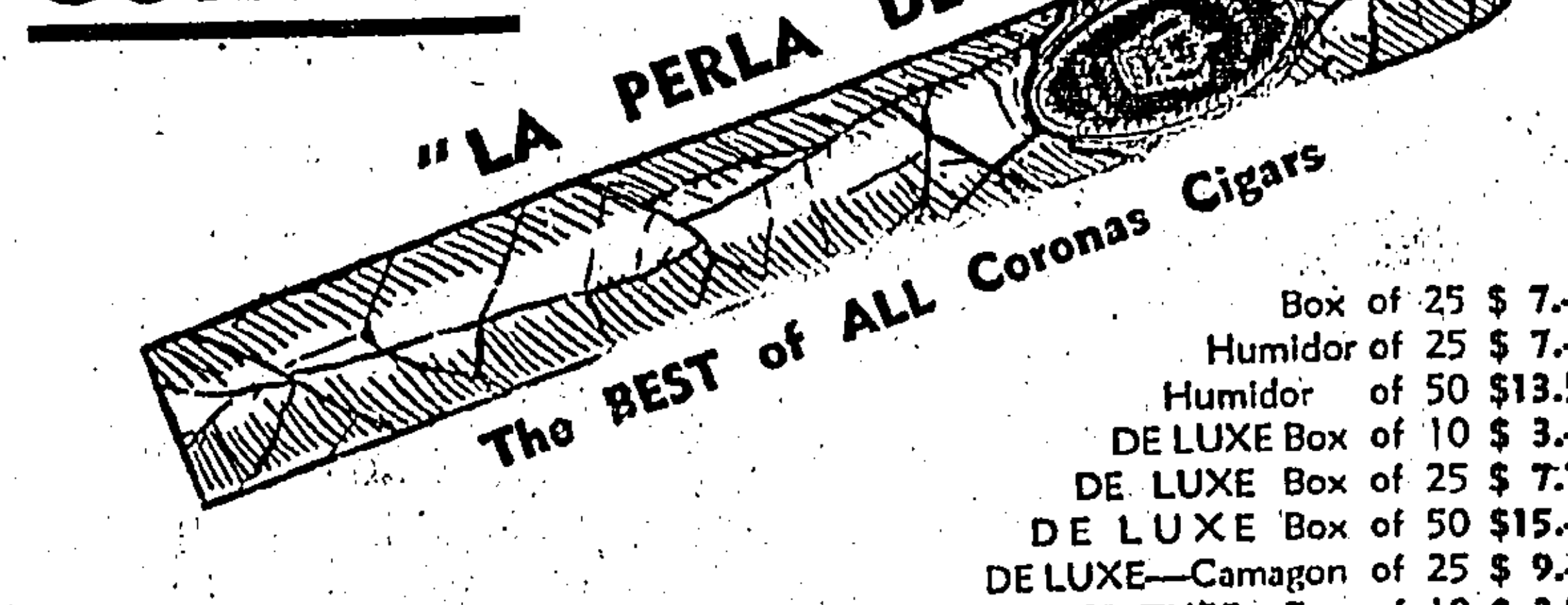
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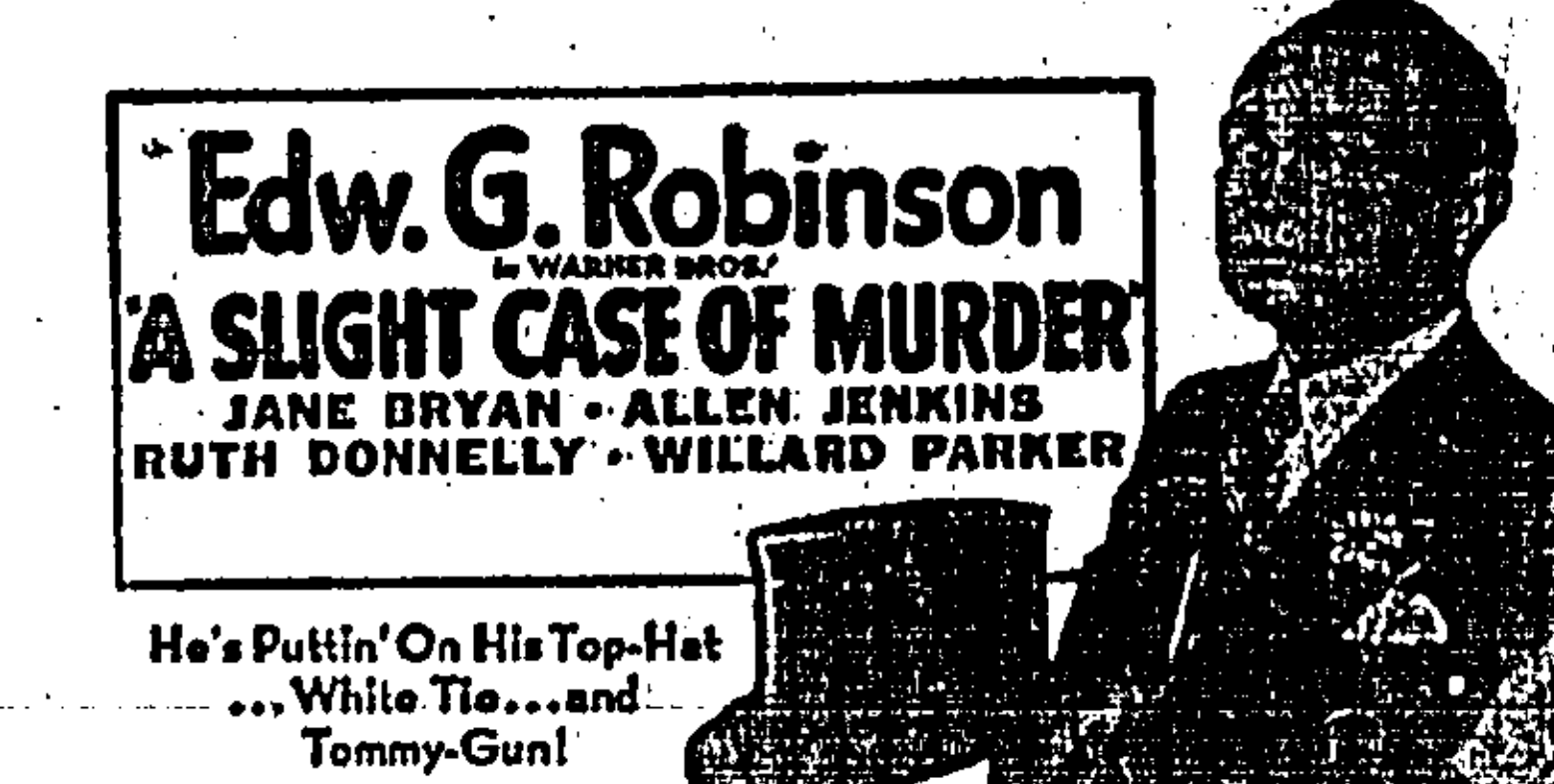
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Threat To A.R.P. Denied No 'Merger' With The Police

AIR-RAID wardens, though police controlled, are not to be merged with the police force.

That was the promise given recently by Sir John Anderson, after a Home Office conference.

Many complaints have been made that the change of control of A.R.P. wardens would seriously affect present organisations. There were also suggestions that police control would tend towards militarisation of A.R.P. At the conference with representatives of outer London authorities, Sir Phillip Game, Commissioner of Police, said that he had agreed to accept the new responsibility only if the air raid wardens' organisation were kept separate from the police.

Sir John Anderson emphasised that it was never contemplated that the existing air raid wardens service should be scrapped, merged with the police, or lose its identity.

In a statement to the "Daily Herald" on the question of police control of wardens, Mr. Herbert Morrison said:

"The proposal was approved by a majority of the Metropolitan Boroughs Standing Joint Committee, which consists of three representatives from each of the Metropolitan Borough Councils. Within that majority was a substantial majority of Labour representatives."

"The question is one of effective administration, and in the light of their experiences I gather that most of our people took the view that the police organisation is more suited to the job and would be administratively more effective."

"Moreover, many of the duties of the A.R.P. wardens are not dissimilar from the civil and humanitarian duties of the police."

"When the police take over the warden services, the Police Commissioner will be responsible to the Home Secretary, and the Home Secretary directly responsible to Parliament."

"In the Provinces it is quite common for the wardens to be under the direction of the Chief Constable. That greatly impressed those who took this decision."

By 170 votes to 122, London Trades Council has refused co-operation in the Government's voluntary register scheme for civil defence, on the ground of opposition to Government policy.

Napoleon Said It And Our Army Is Doing It Better Than Any Other

ARMY food and Army cooks have improved by leaps and bounds since the war days.

Now, at the request of the War Office, the L.C.C. Higher Education Committee have started a course for army cooks at the Westminster Technical Institute.

Up to 24 men are to take a series of practical lessons covering 12 weeks.

"WEST END" TEST

Their passing-out test will be to cook a dinner equal in flavour and variety to that of a West End hotel, with the difference that it will have to show a minimum of waste. Successful students will join regiments all over the country. Work has begun on a £140,000 Army school of cookery at Aldershot.

MARCHES ON ITS STOMACH

A War Office spokesman said: "All this is more than justified by the increased staying-power, health and temper of the men."

"We believe that no country has an army which could outlast the modern British Tommy."

"It is our boast that the soldiers never see the same menu two days running."

"They have rationing committees in every battalion for dealing with suggestions."

THREE HOT MEALS

"The new portable kitchens, which burn oil-fuel, are so designed that when troops are on the march, the longer they march the hotter the food gets."

"Every soldier gets three hot meals a day, and often a high tea as well."

Rabbit Fights Dogs And Likes His Beer

A lion living in a back-garden at Pinner, Middlesex, and a bear kept as a pet by a family in Croydon made news recently.

But the strangest pet is a rabbit that drinks beer and fights stray dogs.

Bill is his name. He came to London four years ago, a pet for the twelve-year-old son of Mr. Frank Harding, manager of a public house in Marylebone High-street, W.

He was put in a neat hutch in the cellar. Next morning he was found outside the hutch—in a drunken stupor.

He had been drinking beer that dripped from the barrels. Spot, the family fox terrier, walked down into the cellar two hours later and Bill, by this time burdened with a hang-over, attacked him.

The terrier, fat with easy living, ran from the cellar yelping with fright.

Bill has bullied him ever since. Sometimes Bill does tricks in the saloon bar for the customers. He can take the lid off a biscuit barrel, overturn the barrel and eat a piece of sponge cake.

He can drink a glass of milk without spilling it, and he can do a juggling trick with a bunch of keys.

"TAKE HIM AWAY"

His fans tell of the time when a woman went into the bar with a cocker spaniel. She was alone—until customers in the other bars heard her screaming: "Take your rabbit off my dog!"

The cocker, backed into a corner, was being kicked and bitten by Bill. Bill's young life nearly ended, though, when he attacked a greyhound in Marylebone High-street.

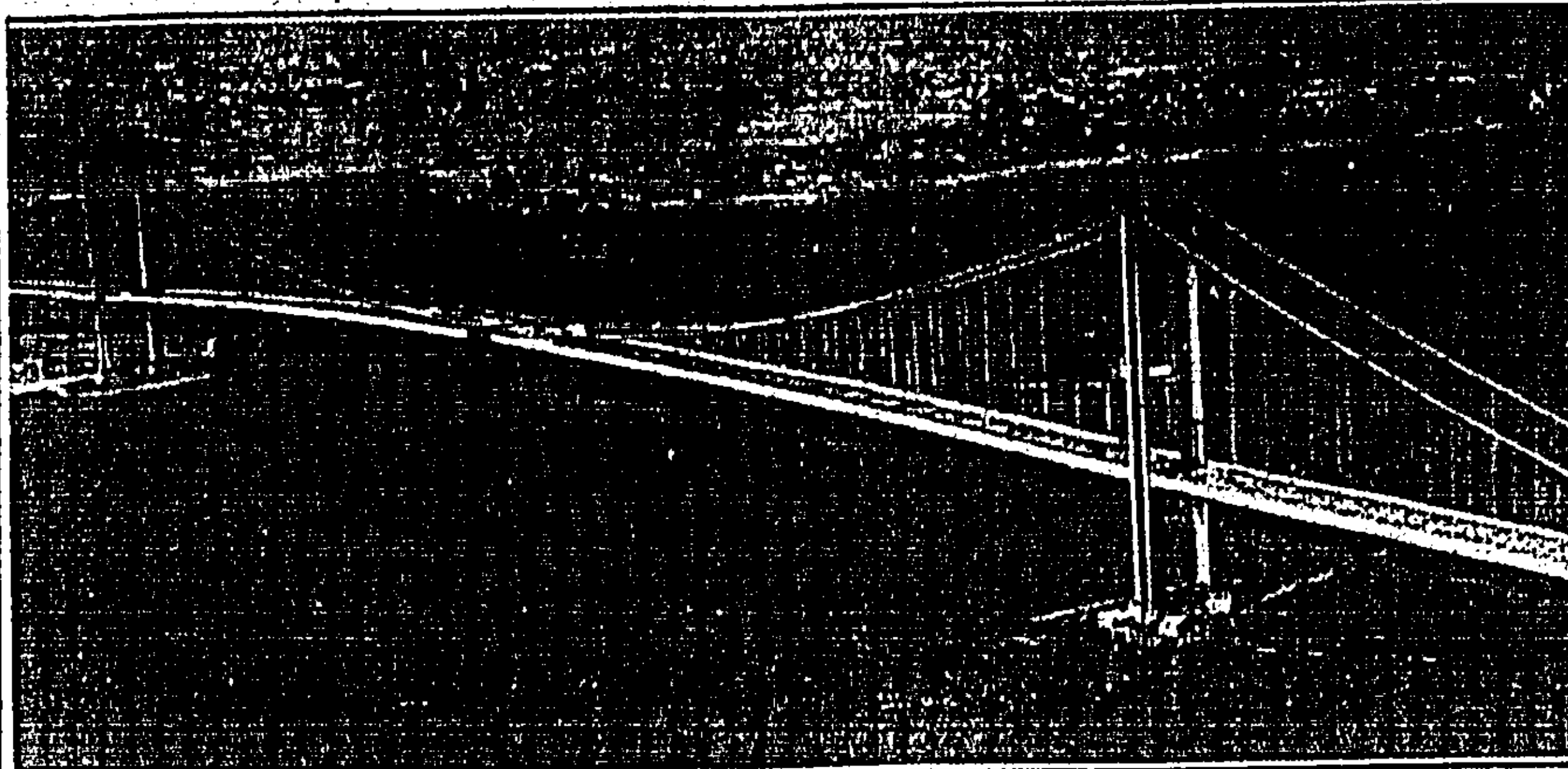
Princess Designs Hats

SOME of the hats, soon to be shown in the spring fashion displays, are models designed by Princess Natasha Bagration, 24-year-old granddaughter of Grand Duke Constantine of Russia, who is a cousin of the Duchess of Kent.

The Princess works in the hat department of Paquin's London shop, and, apart from designing new models, acts as a saleswoman. More than once she has posed to the Duchess of Kent, an expert artist, for her portrait.

recently.

He had to run 150 yards for home and safety, the greyhound about three feet behind him all the way. Mr. Harding has not let Bill out into the street since then.



This aerial view shows the \$18,000,000 bridge between The Bronx and Whitestone, out-lying districts of New York City, which workmen are speeding to completion in time for the opening of the World's Fair, on April 30. This is the sixth bridge to link Long Island and Manhattan and is the longest of its kind in the world.

EMPIRE NEWS NATIONAL REGISTER FOR AUSTRALIA

The Federal Cabinet, meeting at Hobart, considered defence questions in the light of the recent report by Mr. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner in London.

It was decided to establish immediately a voluntary national register as a guide to man power and the industrial and food production capacity of the Commonwealth. The register will include both men and women.

It is believed that a voluntary basis was decided on because such a register can be drawn up more rapidly.

A committee has been appointed to consider a large expansion in liquid fuel storage.

Ministers stated that it was impossible to buy a capital warship, as Britain could not spare one. A British expert will probably be invited to advise Sydney on the site for a battleship dock.

Antarctic Research.—Members of the Cabinet have had informal discussions with Mr. Lincoln Ellsworth, the American explorer, who arrived at Hobart from the Antarctic. The Government is expected to buy Mr. Ellsworth's ship, Wyatt Earp, for use by an Australian expedition to the Antarctic at some later date.

NEW ZEALAND

SPEED URGED IN DEFENCE PLANS

Referring to the Dominion's defence needs, the New Zealand Herald states that speed is the essence of the preparations. The Government is pre-occupied with social and economic security without national security. The Dominion at present lacks self-reliance. Isolation is no excuse. The Devonport naval base at Auckland is suitable for repair which are at present being carried out in England with a great waste of time. The paper urges the formation of a naval auxiliary force.

SOUTH AFRICA

BIG CAPE WATER STORAGE PROJECT

An ambitious hydro-electric, water storage and irrigation scheme, based on the construction of a huge dam near Villiersdorp, in the Western Province of the Cape, is now receiving the attention of the Irrigation Department of the Union Government.

This scheme would make available an additional water supply for Cape Town, and would also supply current to surrounding districts, including Hermanus, Caledon and Worcester. The dam would have a capacity of 4,000,000 gallons.

Zulu War Veteran's Death.—The death has occurred at Dundee, at the age of 82, of Thomas Henry Cunningham, a friend of Rider Haggard and a survivor of Isandhlwana.

No National Register.—The South African Government has no intention

Job Is Waiting For a New Swiss Family Robinson

THE Swiss-Family-Robinson kind of story gets an up-to-date twist in the news of the National Trust for a warden to live on the Calf of Man (writes Stanley Baron).

In the book, you remember, it was Mr. Robinson who decided he wanted no more of civilisation. And what Robinson said, in the dutiful eighteen-hundreds, went.

But the Calf of Man will be an affair of woman. So strongly do the National Trust feel on the subject that after going through more than a thousand applications and reducing the list to two or three, they have decided to send the final candidates, with wives, over to the island to see conditions for themselves.

1,500 Told To Try Nursing

Fifteen hundred school-girls, faces eagerly upturned, listened attentively at the Guild-hall recently while a pretty, uniformed probationer nurse explained to them through a microphone why nursing was one of the finest professions they could take up. "If you talk to the average nurse," said Miss Helen Few (who is at London Hospital), "you will find her a cheerful person, interested in her work and getting the best out of life."

Queen Mary was about to leave to attend an overflow meeting, but she was so interested that she waited till the end of Miss Few's speech.

Most of her audience were girls from big London and provincial secondary schools. Most of them will sit for their school certificate examinations in the summer.

To help them, and at the same time to try to interest them in joining the depleted ranks of the nursing profession, they were invited to a big recruiting rally.

BETTER CONDITIONS
Mr. H. L. Eason, tall principal of London University, told them: "Conditions of nursing are changing very rapidly to meet the changing conditions of the world. They are going to be made more attractive."

There was only one nurse, he said, to every 500 of the population.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Lang, read a message to the girls from Queen Mary, which ended:

"I appeal to the girls of the country to ask themselves whether they may not find in this great profession not only a career of interest and usefulness but one of the truest and noblest forms of national service."

"I decided to be a nurse long before to-day," one girl said afterwards.

"It will be hard work, but great fun."

Busy Life At 85

TOONGABBLE, Australia.
Robert Ferguson was too busy on his 85th birthday to do anything more than just carry on his regular work—that of running a five-acre farm single handed. He attends to his orchard, picks and packs all his fruit and other products, milks nine cows twice daily and during the past few months has re-painted three houses.

of introducing a national register, according to official information received at Pretoria.

And how the wives will react will probably settle the choice.

MAKING DOUBLY SURE

Mr. D. M. Matheson, secretary to the National Trust, said:

"We came to the conclusion that it wouldn't be fair to send anyone out without making doubly sure that he knew what he was in for."

The job (looking after 615 acres of bird sanctuary and running a farm) will probably be one of the loneliest in Britain. It isn't the husband we worry about so much as the wife.

"None of the candidates, so far as I know, has lived alone on an island before. We think we have the right three in the last selections. So the question is now: 'Can Mrs. Robinson stand it?'"

REACTION TEST

A National Trust official is to be put at the disposal of the candidates who have been chosen to see the island. He will guide them round and observe their reactions.

But the making of the final decision depends upon when the candidates can get across.

They will go separately—and the currents which cut off the island from the mainland, sometimes for weeks at a time, are among the worst in Britain.

Smuggling In China

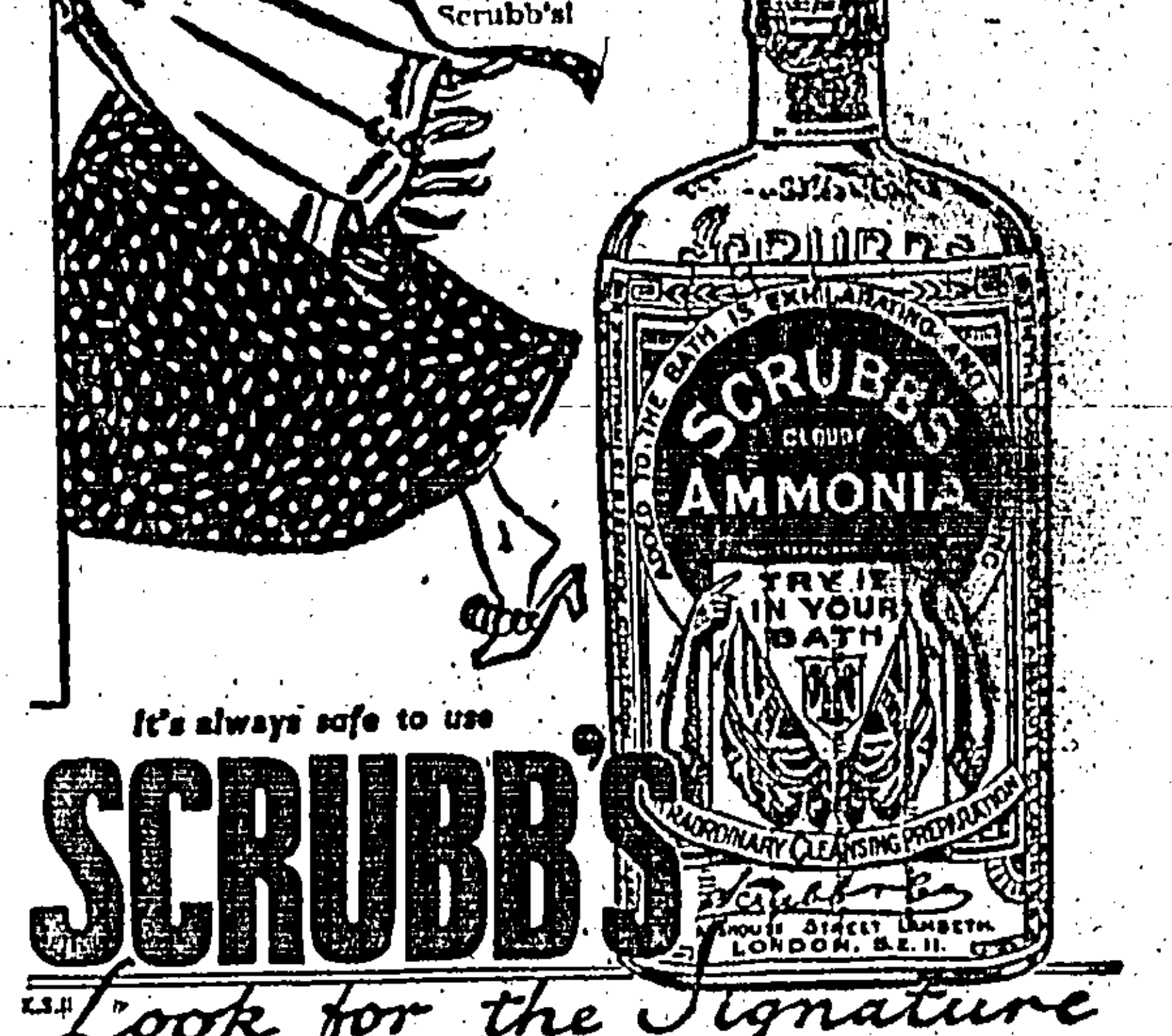
LONDON.

Mr. Day asked a further question in the House of Commons recently regarding smuggling in China when he enquired whether any action had been taken by the Government to safeguard the position which had recently arisen by the continued smuggling in China and what the Government's attitude was.

Mr. Butler replied that while Government naturally viewed with disfavour all evasions of payment of Customs duties in China, no reports of smuggling had been received since the reply he gave to Mr. Day on November 16 last. On that occasion Mr. Butler stated that according to the Government's information there had been an appreciable decrease in smuggling.

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KING'S TRAIN TO BE "FORT"

POLICE precautions due to the I.R.A. bombing outrages made the King and Queen almost prisoners in the royal train each evening during their three-day "no speechmaking" tour of the north-east recently.

Once the official functions of each day were over, they returned to the train, which was drawn up on the now disused Newcastle-Ponteland passenger line near Ponteland station.

And through the night specially picked Scotland Yard officers and detectives from the Northumberland County, Newcastle and L.N.E.R. forces guarded them.

The scope of the precautions—unparalleled for the safety of a King of Britain visiting the provinces of his own country—can be gathered from the fact that detectives watched the relaying of every yard of gravel and piece of asphalt at the place where the train will stay each night.

Normally, members of the Royal Family visiting the north-east stay at one of the great castles, Lambton, Lumley or Alnwick, but a police official said that their Majesties would be better guarded in the train.

Fleet Air Arm Goes Ahead

With more than £6,000,000 to spend on aircraft during its first year of Admiralty control, the Fleet Air Arm promises to become one of the most attractive branches of the Service.

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DECK LANDING TESTS

According to these, 141 officers pilots have entered the Fleet Air Arm from the R.A.F. and R.A.F. Reserve; 191 executive naval officers are already serving as pilots and 132 as air observers.

In addition, the Fleet Air Arm has 133 executive officers and 44 naval ratings under instruction at Service flying training schools, and 34 naval ratings serving as observers' mates.

At Donibristle, Fifeshire, 14 rating pilots are making their first deck-landing tests aboard the carrier Courageous; 15 others will start training this week.

These figures do not include officers of the R.N.V.R. Air Branch or those recruited from civil life.

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

Of 236 Fleet Air Arm officers drawn from civilian ranks, 116 are training as pilots and 120 as air observers.

A recruiting campaign for air fitters and air riggers will be launched during the next few days.

Other Fleet Air Arm branches are those of air mechanic, air artificer, and air apprentice.

Air mechanics are coming forward in satisfactory numbers and there is no shortage of pilot applicants.

An Admiralty official said recently that 69 per cent. of the fitters and riggers in the new branches would be selected for promotion as air artificers.

BOY Of 8, Tired Of Life, Aged 15, No Religion

AND 3-YEAR-OLD BLACKED HER EYE SAYS NURSE

BOYS of all ages figured in six unusual court cases in various parts of the country recently. There was the—

Boy of 17 who never spoke and was fed by his mother like a bird.

Boy of eight who was unhappy and tried to stab himself.

Boy of 16 whose employers increased his wages instead of dismissing him, to encourage him to mend his ways; he did not.

Boy of three who, said his nurse, blacked her eye and bit her neck; she smacked him, and won a claim for wrongful dismissal.

Boy of 15 who told the magistrates he had no religion.

Boy of 14 whose "present from Santa Claus" to his young brother was stolen by a tutor who found it.

AGED EIGHT, UNHAPPY

"I was unhappy and wanted to kill myself," said the eight-year-old, who at Ealing juvenile court admitted trying to stab himself in the stomach with a carving knife.

A woman probation officer said the child threw a piece of wood at his mother and the same day tried to strike her (the mother) with the carving knife.

"He tells me he is very unhappy at home," added the officer.

On a charge of being beyond his parents' control, he was sent to a reformatory for a fortnight.

RUSE BEHIND RISE

The 10-year-old lad whose firm increased his wages instead of dismissing him, to encourage him to mend his ways, appeared at Cuxton Juvenile Court summoned for a breach of a probation order.

He had been found to be untrustworthy and a liar, it was stated.

Kindness brought no response and later he admitted stealing 1s. 1d. belonging to his employers.

He was a stopper, said a probation officer, who was "conscious of public opinion against stepfathers" and left the boy in the hands of his mother.

The lad, who said he had only borrowed the 1s. 1d. and repaid it, will be sent to an approved school.

NURSE SMACKED CHILD

Alleging that her three-year-old charge was out of control and had pulled her hair, blacked her eye and bitten her neck, Miss Enid Brettingham, of Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester, successfully claimed in West London county court that she was wrongfully dismissed for smacking him.

Judgment for £5 8s. for wages and loss of board was given against Captain H. S. Foxwell.

Miss Brettingham said she was employed by Captain and Mrs. Foxwell, then staying at a Kensington hotel, on a month's trial at a guinea a week.

She was drying the child after his bath and he bit her neck. She told the court: "I thought it was time he had some punishment and smacked him on the leg."

Mrs. Foxwell said she never saw Miss Brettingham with a black eye. Judge Hargreaves thought Miss Brettingham was wrong to smack the boy when the mother was there and able to do it. But this did not justify immediate dismissal.

NO RELIGION AT 15

Asked to take the oath at Cuxton Juvenile Court, a 15-year-old offender said he had no religion.

He affirmed. Obstructing the police in Piccadilly Circus was the charge.

Saying he had been mistaken for someone else, the boy intimated he would call a friend as witness. He was remanded for a week.

STRAY DARTS

A darts scoreboard, darts and diary, Christmas gifts from a boy of 14 to his younger brother, were left behind in a railway waiting room.

A private tutor, Guy Haversham Morse-Boycott (50), of Devonshire Place, was at Brighton fined £2 with 21 costs for stealing the parcel, which bore a name and address and "From Santa Claus" by finding.

He said he was without his glasses and took it home meaning to look for an address.

"RABBIT FEVER" PROSCRIBED

Leetonia, O. "Rabbit fever," the hunting variety, so depleted the ranks of Leetonia high school's boy students, during the rabbit hunting season, that Principal G. L. Powell issued a warning to "wildlings" Powell's warning stressed provisions of state school-attendance laws.

Raid On Queen's Dress Maker

Thieves raided the premises of Mr. Norman B. Hartnell, dressmaker to the Queen, in Bruton-street, W., recently and carried off furs valued at £5,000.

About the same time—4 a.m.—another gang broke into the London Bullion Company's shop in Haymarket, S.W., and took jewellery in gold and silver, antiques and coins to the value of £2,000.

In their haste the fur thieves left many valuable skins behind, but the jewel raiders appear to have had expert knowledge, taking the most valuable exhibits in the window.

BROKE MAIN DOOR. The gang had prised open both halves of a side door, but finding further progress stopped by a stout iron bar, worked on the main door.

After breaking the thick glass and forcing the locks they went to the showroom at the back.

Four men are believed to have taken part in the raid—two to get the furs, one to watch, and a fourth waiting in the car in which the furs were taken away.

Mr. Hartnell designs dresses for the Queen. He designed the bridal dress of the Duchess of Gloucester and her eight bridesmaids, among whom were Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

SAW MASKED MAN. The raid on the London Bullion Company's shop was nearly foiled. An assistant on night duty at a chemist's shop a short distance away heard a crash like falling glass, and was just in time to see a man, Jimmy in hand, and a handkerchief over the lower part of his face, crossing the pavement.

The assistant ran back into the shop, dialled 999, but by the time a police patrol car arrived the thieves had got away.

They had wrenched the folding grille away from its catch and broken the door window.

"Big Jump" Was Medium's Control

A medium told counsel in a libel action in the King's Bench Division recently that his "control" was known as "Big Jump."

The action was brought by Mr. Maudor Fodor, a psychic research worker, of Park West, Marble Arch, W., against Psychic Press, Ltd., proprietors of the "Psychic News," Mr. Maurice Barbanell, the editor; Mr. Paul Miller, a journalist; and the printers and distributors of the paper.

Mr. Fodor claimed that he had been attacked by a number of articles suggesting that he was not fitted to carry out psychic investigation. The defendants denied that the words were defamatory.

PHOTOGRAPH OF ECTOPLASM. Seeing a copy of "Psychic News" before Mr. Barbanell in the witness-box, Mr. Justice Singleton walked over, picked it up, and asked what a picture on the front page represented.

"It is a photograph of Frau Lura" (a medium), Mr. Barbanell replied. Mr. Justice Singleton pointed to the photograph and asked: "What is this supposed to be?"

"It is supposed to be ectoplasm," said Mr. Barbanell.

Mr. Barbanell said he was a medium "to a little degree," and had undergone the experience known as trance mediumship.

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BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,340 sa.
H.K. Banks Lon.	83 1/2 n.
Carters & Co.	8 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & D.	27 n.
Mercantile, C. & E.	13 n.
East Asia	80 n.
INSURANCE	
Canton	225 n.
Union	470 n.
China Underwriter	11 1/2 n.
H.K. Fire	195 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	60 1/2 b.
Steamships	15 n.
Indo-China, P.	60 n.
Indo-China, D.	24 n.
Shell Bearers	83 1/2 n.
Waterboats	9 n.
DOCKETS ETC.	
Wharves	111 1/2 n.
Docks	17 1/2 sa.
Providents (old)	5.45 sa.
New Eng. Sh.	6.00 n.
Sh. Docks, Sh.	103 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	16/9 n.
Rauha	8 b.
Venz	3 n.
Goldfield	3 n.
Antamoks	38 sa.
Atoks	20 sa.
Benguet Cons. Ps.	42 sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	403 sa.
Dem. Cons. Ps.	14 1/2 sa.
I.K.L. Ps.	61 sa.
Gumaus Ps.	10 sa.
San Manuico Ps.	1.1 and a large business
Suyoc Consol Ps.	18 1/2 sa.
Paracales Ps.	69 sa.
LANDS	
Hotels	6 n.
Land	30 n.
Land 4% deb.	104 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	855 n.
Humphreys	414 b.
H.K. Realities	100 n.
Chinese Estates	100 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	15.80 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	23.30 sa.
Y. Ferries (new)	24 n.
China Lights (old)	8.70 sa.
China Lights (new)	5 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric	55 1/2 sa.
Macao Electric	10 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	23 n.
Telephones (old)	7 1/2 n.
Telephones (new)	7 1/2 n.
Tractions s/-	23/0 n.
Tractions (Pre.) s/-	23/0 n.
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Canton Ices	1.1 b.
Coments	14 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes	4 b.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms s. (c. Rts.)	23.05 sa.
Dairy Farms (ex. Rts.)	15 n.
Dairy Farms (Rts.)	10.10 sa.
Watsons	8 n.
Yane Crawfords	1.80 n.
Sinceres	43 b.
Wing On (H.K.)	30 n.
Powell, Ltd. etc.	30 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	10 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	107 n.
Zong Sings	24 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh.	40 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment s. (x.d.)	6.45 n.
Constructions	14 n.
Vibro Pilling	6.45 sa.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	07 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% prm.	15 n.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/2% par. b.	15 n.
Marsmans (Lond.) s/-	07 n.
Marsmans (H.K.)	07 n.

MANUFACTURES

Closing quotations through Reuters:

Afternoon Closing	
Mar. 23	Mar. 24
Antamok	30 1/2
Atok	20 1/2
Benguet Cons.	12 1/2
Big Wedge	21 1/2
Coco Grove	403
Dem. Cons.	14 1/2
I.K.L.	61
Ipo Gold	23
Igon Mining	27 1/2
Mambulo Cons.	14 1/2
Manuico Cons.	13 1/2
Manuico Operations	14
North Camarines	10
Paracales Cons.	19 1/2
Paracales Cons.	19 1/2
Paracales Invest.	24
United Paracales	69

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Frit's report on this morning's market:

General trading on the Manila

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1s. 2 1/2/32
T.T. Shanghai	1s. 2 1/2/32
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	105 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	27 1/2
T.T. Manila	54 1/2
T.T. Batavia	150 1/2
T.T. Hongkong	108 1/2
T.T. Saigon	10 1/2
T.T. Germany	7 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	12 1/2
T.T. Australia	1 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/c London	1/3 1/2/32
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	20 1/2
4 m/s France	11 1/2
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.68 1/2

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says: The improvement in the London market was short-lived, and the latest advance from that quarter show an appreciable drop in most quotations. This, together with the uncertainty still surrounding the European political situation, may account for the lethargic state of the local market. In spite, however, of all this, H.K. Banks continue to command attention and a large business was reported in them to-day at \$1,340, with a small lot being traded at \$1,350.

Buyers	
Providents (Old)	\$3.45
Entertainments	\$0.45 ex. Div.
H.K. Docks	\$17 1/2
China Lights (Old)	\$8.60
Dairy Farms Ex. Div. Cum. Rts.	\$23.05
Vibro Pilling	\$6.40 ex. Div.

Sellers	
Hongkong Banks	\$1,375 1/2/32
Union Insurance	\$403
H.K. Docks	\$17 1/2
Providents (Old)	\$3.45
H.K. Hotels	\$25.63
Antamoks	38
Atoks	20
Coco Grove	42
C. S. Mines	14 1/2
I. K. L.	61
Paracales Gumaus	10
San Manuico	1.90
Suyoc Consol.	18 1/2
United Paracales	69

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 23.

New York Cotton	
May	8.18/17
July	7.97/98
Oct.	7.61/60
Dec.	7.54/53
Jan.	7.53/53
Mar.	7.58 A
Spot	6.94 N

New York Rubber

Mar.	15.99/18.00
May	16.00/03
Sept.	16.04/02
Dec.	16.04/02

To-day's Sales—1,170 tons.

The last Notice day for March Rubber is March 28th.

Chicago Wheat

May	07 1/4/07 1/2
July	07 1/4/07 1/2
Sept.	06 3/4/06 3/4

Wednesday's Sales—unreceived.

Chicago Corn

May	47 1/4/47 1/2
July	49 1/4/49 1/2
Sept.	50 1/4/50 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat

May	06 3/4/06 3/4
July	01 1/4/01 1/2
Oct.	02 1/4/02 1/2

Gold share market was light and price movements in selected closing were upwards, the consolidated showed the largest gain, having risen 20 cents, while San Manuico rose 4 cents, and United Paracales 3 cents. Other gains ranged from 1/4 to 2 1/2 cents. Big Wedge went ex dividend to close 1/4 cent below yesterday to the only loss on the list. Yesterday's volume in Pecos was 442,000.

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE.

STOCKS: Soviet Russia has agreed to a Four-Power declaration against Nazi aggression.

Herr Hitler's Memei speech declares that Germany has now essentially ended making good the pain caused her after the World War.

The technical action of the market has improved, but evidence of an up-turn is still inconclusive.

Standard Oil Company of New Jersey 1939 profits will be materially below those of 1938.

The week's carloadings are 10 per cent, over that of the corresponding period of last year.

LONDON AVERAGES:

	MARCH 22	MARCH 23
Industrial Average	98.5	98.8
Rails Average	54.0	54.2

These averages are based on 100 as of December 31, 1934.

G. R. G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 27th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Sau Chuk Yuen Road, Kowloon City, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	
1	New Kowloon Island
Lot No. 2654	Wing On Textiles
Locality	Chuk Yuen Road, Kowloon City
Boundary Measurements	
N. S. E. W.	as per sale plan.
Contents	
sq. feet	8,300
Annual Rental	\$36
Upset Price	\$4,150

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	
2	New Kowloon Island
Lot No. 2655	Wing On Textiles
Locality	Chuk Yuen Road, Kowloon City
Boundary Measurements	
N. S. E. W.	as per sale plan.
Contents	
sq. feet	8,300
Annual Rental	\$36
Upset Price	\$4,150

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NEWS IS KNOWLEDGE

QUESTION: How many cigarettes does the average Englishman smoke in a year?

ANSWER: 945, according to French experts who have been looking into the matter.

Q: Are Englishmen the heaviest smokers of cigarettes?

A: No, Americans smoke more. Their average cigarette consumption is 1,045 a year. Mexicans come third (740), Belgians fourth (630) and Frenchmen fifth (412).

Q: Are people smoking more nowadays?

A: Yes. The past few years have seen a big increase in tobacco consumption in this country.

TRAFFIC COURT

EUROPEANS NET FINES

Summoned for driving at a dangerous speed in Hennessy Road on March 10, W. E. Peers, of the Hongkong Electric Company, was fined \$10 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning when he admitted the charge.

Traffic Sergeant Sargent said defendant came out of Percival Street into Hennessy Road at a speed over 30 m.p.h. "The road was fairly clear at the time, otherwise there may have been an accident," said Sergeant Sargent.

Defendant said he was taking the car to have the speedometer repaired that morning, and he had been driving since 1922 without having had a serious accident.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on F. O. Reppich when he admitted driving in Kennedy Road, which was a closed road, on March 8.

Defendant's excuse was that he did not know the road was closed to traffic.

PARKING BREACHES

Parking offences were the main charges on the summonses against Europeans who appeared before Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day.

Li C. E. Godby, R.A., was fined \$5 for having left his vehicle unattended in Salisbury Road, opposite the Curios Shops.

W. F. Webb was fined \$4 for having parked his car in the north side of Saigon Street, near the Majestic Theatre.

J. Krofta was fined a similar sum for an identical offence.

Pte J. Morgan, 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, was fined \$5 for having driven a car without an appropriate driver's licence.

Traffic Sub-Inspector A. R. Brittain said that Morgan had been involved in a slight traffic accident. He had a licence for driving Army vehicles.

Morgan said he now possessed a proper licence.

Japan's Heavy T.B. Losses

Million Cases Each Year: Food Blamed

ONE MILLION new cases of tuberculosis are recorded in Japan each year, it was revealed in the Japanese Diet yesterday by Dr. K. Yamada, M.P. for Tokyo, according to the message.

Of these, one-tenth succumb to the disease.

Dr. Yamada added that the prevailing high rate of infant mortality in Japan was a record of which Japan could not be proud.

The high rate of tuberculosis in Japan is attributed chiefly, says "Reuter", to the diet of low nourishing content, which is all the masses can afford.

Admiral To Pay Farewell Visit

Paying a farewell visit to Hongkong before relinquishing his command of French Naval Forces in the Far East, Vice-Admiral Le Blot is due here on March 31 in the flagship cruiser Lamotte-Piquet.

The cruiser will go into dock for annual overhaul.

The Admiral will be the guest of H. E. the Governor and Lady Northcote at an official dinner at Government House on the day of his arrival.

The Lamotte-Piquet will proceed to Shanghai about April 14 and Vice-Admiral Ducoux, the new Commander-in-Chief, will take over there.

THE "TELEGRAPH"

will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

POST OFFICE.

MAIL FOR CANTON

Registered and Ordinary mail and Parcels (not insured) will be accepted for Canton and despatched as circumstances permit.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Ireland) and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so super-scribed.

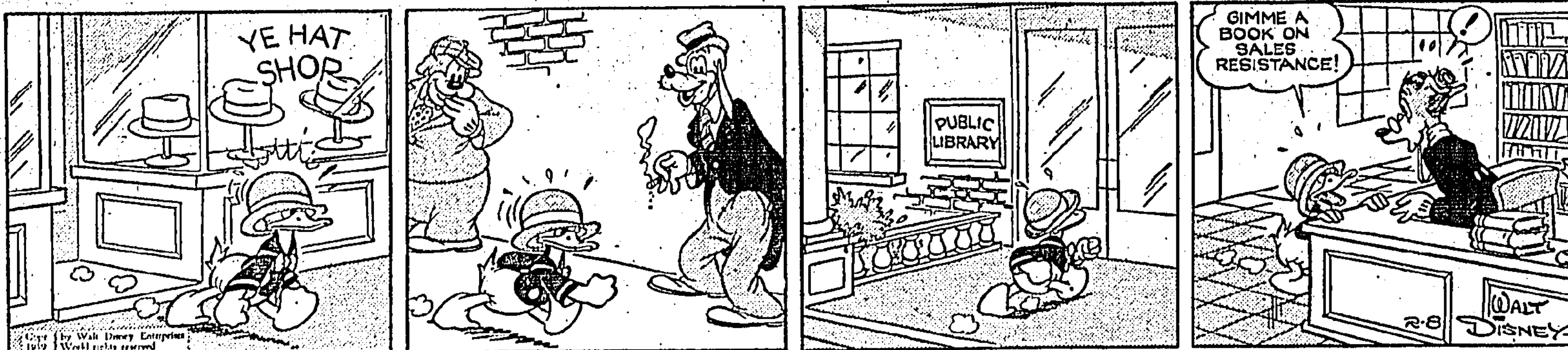
OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Swatow	Klungchow	March 24
Shanghai and Amoy	Shantung	March 24
Japan and Shanghai	Burdwan	March 25
Japan and Shanghai	Imperial Airways	March 25
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 18th Mar.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 25
Haliphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Suiyang	March 25
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 23rd February		
Shanghai and Swatow	Suwa Maru	March 25
Japan	Taiyuan	March

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ANNUAL MEETING Insurance Has Quota Of Worries In Far East, Chairman Says

A NOTE OF OPTIMISM on the future in spite of the poor results obtained in 1937 was struck by Mr. D. F. Landale, Chairman, at the seventieth ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., this morning.

The Chairman reported that the 1937 account showed a credit balance of \$495,866, which he described as lean, and said that insurance in these times had, like everything else, its full quota of difficulties.

The September typhoon caused substantial increases in the Company's toll of losses.

He said: Gentlemen, before commencing the business of this meeting I wish to express the regret of the General Managers and Consulting Committee that Sir Robert Ho Tung is not with us to-day.

After many years, during which the Company has had the benefit of his valued advice, he has felt that advancing age made it incumbent on him to retire from the Board.

We wish to record our sincere thanks for all he has done and wish him long life and happiness in his well earned retirement.

I am pleased to say that the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo has accepted our invitation to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Sir Robert Ho Tung.

DEPARTURE OF MR. JOSEPH
Another change in the personnel of the consulting Committee that I regret to advise, is the resignation of Mr. Felix A. Joseph as from March 31. Mr. Joseph, in leaving for England early next month and to him also we tender our best thanks for past services, together with all good wishes for the future.

The out-turn of the Company's working for the year 1937, which we now present to you and which shows a credit balance of \$495,866, can be described as lean, reflecting only the unsatisfactory results of our operations in Sterling during that year.

TOLL OF LOSSES
Our Income, both from Sterling and Hongkong and China Currencies, was up by over \$56,000, but unfortunately the toll of losses exceeded that for 1936 by just over two lakhs of Hongkong dollars.

This heavy increase was due to our Sterling Account to the extent of \$150,000, while the balance was very largely the result of the typhoon that visited Hongkong on the night of the 1st/2nd September, 1937.

A comparison of ratios, as between the year under review and its immediate predecessor, is as follows: Losses 61.74 per cent. as against 53.27 per cent. Charges 37.67 per cent. and 39.34 per cent., leaving a balance of 59 per cent. as against that of 7.30 per cent. for 1936 at the same stage.

The rates of Sterling Exchange taken were identical at 1/2 1/2, so that this factor does not enter into things. Exchange between Shanghai and Hongkong remained steady until after December 31, 1937, with the result that Income from investments for that year shows a slight increase of \$640 over that for 1936.

SHANGHAI EXCHANGE
The balance at credit of Working Account 1938 is \$702,452, an increase of approximately \$40,000 on that for the year 1937 at the same period and the third best we have had.

Had it not been for the fall in Shanghai Exchange, the position would have been even better; as it is, the account discloses a fall in interest of nearly \$70,000 as compared with that for the previous year.

It would be premature yet to speculate as to the result of this account, but we are hopeful that it will run off better than its predecessor.

The surplus now to be dealt with is \$405,060, the balance of account 1937, and we recommend the payment of \$12 per share, absorbing \$480,000 and the appropriation of the balance of \$15,060 to Reinsurance Fund.

Had it not been for the satisfactory showing made by the account for 1938, we should have been chary of recommending the continuance of the dividend at the full figure of \$12 but, with some hope of better things ahead, we feel that it would have been unfair to propose any cut until the position appeared to render it definitely necessary.

DIVIDEND ADJUSTMENT

It has been our constant wish, in past years, to confine the amount of our dividend to round about the figure of income from investments but this, in future, may not be possible and you will appreciate that it might be some years before we again reach that happy state.

We trust that trading profits will be somewhat more plentiful than they have been for the last two years and so allow of the continuance of the present dividend and further additions to Reserves.

It is the custom at this meeting for the Chairman to comment on the position of the Company's Reserves and, consequently, I have to call attention to the heavy inroad that has been made into our Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account by reason of the fall in value of our Shanghai Investments and also to the lower Exchange rate at which they have been obliged to take them into our Balance Sheet. At the end of 1937 the rate was 106, whereas at December 31 last year it had fallen to 180.

At the close of the year 1937, the Reserve in question amounted to \$506,271, but, after providing for losses made for these losses it stood reduced to the figure of \$58,664.

As your General Managers and Consulting Committee considered this last-named amount inadequate, they have transferred the sum of \$500,000 from Reinsurance Fund, so that the figure at credit of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account—as at the end of last year—stood at \$558,664.

STRONG POSITION

As readjusted, our Reserves are still in a very strong position and more than adequate for the business we undertake, granted more favourable conditions, our first care will be to rehabilitate the Reinsurance Fund to something like its previous position.

I trust you will approve the usual grant of a bonus to members of the staff of 15 per cent. on their salaries. The out-turn has been thin is no fault of theirs and they have worked well during the past twelve months.

I do not think it would be helpful for me to say much with regard to business conditions in so far as they relate to insurance, that they have been poor is obvious from the result of 1937 we now place before you and that there is justification for a reasonable degree of optimism for the future is shown by the carry forward for 1938.

Things change very quickly in these days and although the measure by which we could previously gauge possible results some way ahead no longer applies, I am inclined to be hopeful.

CLOSING OF CHINA PORTS

One adverse factor, that I would particularly stress, is the closing of various China ports; previously, places such as Hankow and Canton were sources of satisfactory income but now they are merely an expense. In Shanghai, we are holding our

Japan's 'High' Wages War Office And Munitions' Pay

A SUGGESTION in the Diet that military arsenals and similar Government establishments were short of labour because wages were low brought an 'indignant denial' from a spokesman of the War Office, says a "Router" message from Tokyo.

But, in the next breath, the spokesman gives the wages as follows: Maximum wage for males, 6.48 yen per day, 75 cts. Minimum wage for males, 5.44 yen per day. Maximum wage for females 1s 7.3d per day. Minimum for females, 4.44d per day.

The average for men was 1s 6.4d daily and for women 11.4d daily. Tokyo's munition industry will need another 25,000 boy workers, even after it absorbs 25,000 graduates of primary schools in Tokyo and 10,000 from the country next month.

Have You Lost A Dog?

A gentleman visited the "Telegraph" office this afternoon. He wants to find the owner of a black Scotch Terrier.

Here is the description: "The friendliest and most likeable dog I've seen. I'd like to keep it. 'It answers to any name so long as there's rice and meat in the offing'."

The dog has a metal tag with the number 39-790. The owner can claim it at 814 King's Road, Quarry Point.

Lady Northcote Off To England

Lady Northcote, wife of His Excellency the Governor, is departing for England by the P. & O. liner Canton on April 1.

Lady Northcote will be accompanied by her son, Mr. M. A. S. Northcote, who has been visiting Hongkong for several months.

very well indeed, but every dollar we earn is reduced by 75 per cent. when transferred into Hongkong currency.

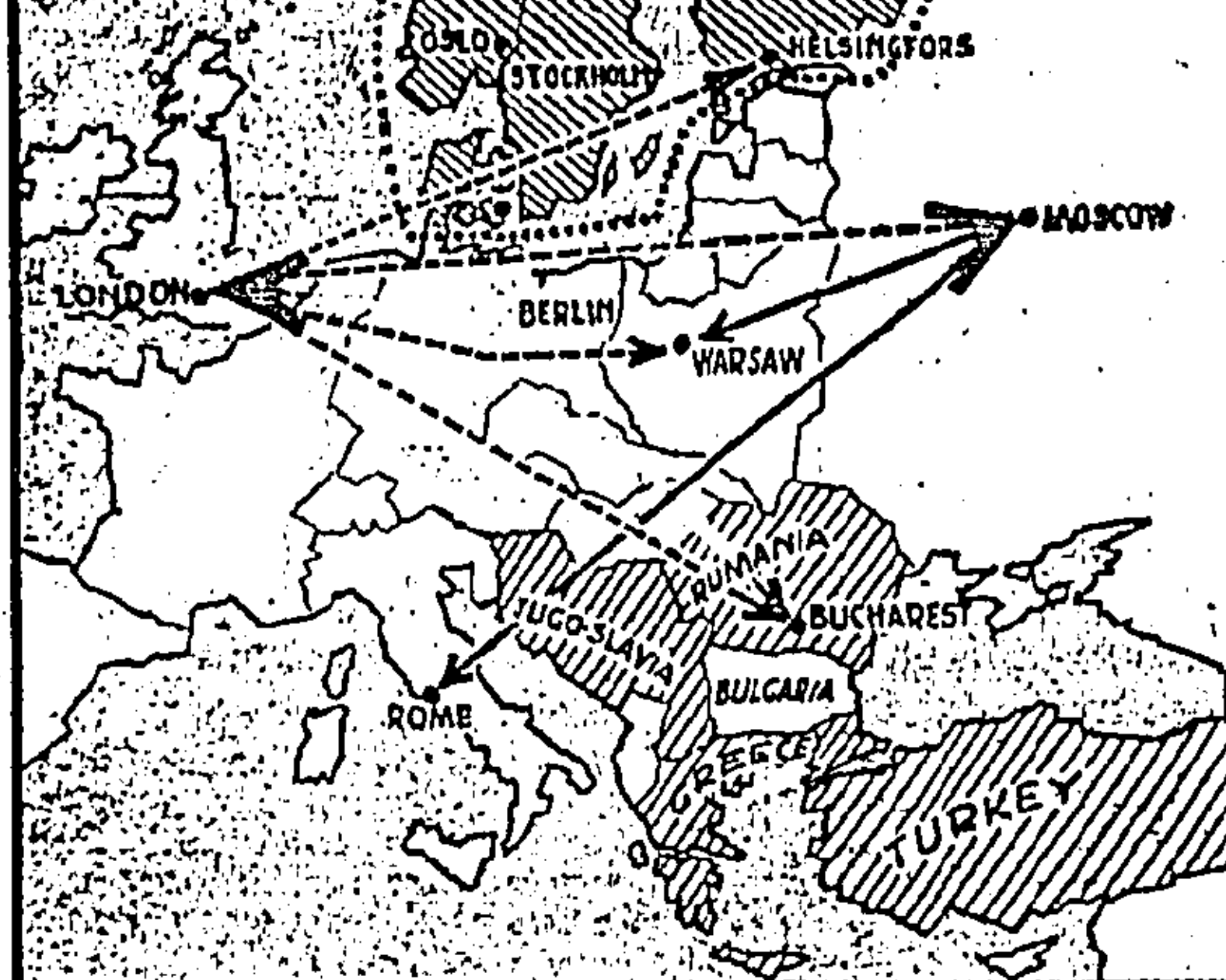
Believe me, when I say that insurance in these times has its full quota of difficulties, like everything else.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. Mr. D. V. Stevenson seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr. J. H. Seth, seconded by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, the Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Messrs. C. B. Brown, A. H. Compton, J. H. Taggart and S. T. Williamson were re-elected members of the Consulting Committee.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. M. H. Lo seconded by Mr. H. W. Duley. There were present at the meeting: Mr. D. F. Landale (Chairman), Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. Felix A. Joseph, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. S. T. Williamson (Consulting Committee), Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. D. Hung, M. H. Lo, D. V. Stevenson, H. J. Armstrong, J. H. Seth, S. H. Hampden Ross, J. Fleming and H. W. Duley.

Trade talks strengthen hopes for peace in Europe



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H. K. T. 12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Rachmaninoff—Rhapsody On A Theme Of Paganini For Piano And Orchestra, Op. 43.

Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) with Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

12.55 Rachmaninoff at the Piano. Scherzo (Borodin).

1.00 Local Time-Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 London Piano-Accordion Band and Sam Browne (Baritone).

There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Woods); One Night in Monte Carlo (Sherman and Lewis); London Piano-Accordion Band with the direction of Scott Wood.

With vocal chorus; Talking Through My Heart (The Big Broadcast of 1937); Have You Forgotten So Soon (Gilbert and Nicholls); Sam Browne (Baritone) with Dorothy Carr.

Happy (Film "Caravan"). London Piano-Accordion Band with the direction of Scott Wood.

With vocal chorus; A Star Fell Out Of Heaven (Gordon and Revel); The One Rose (Lyon and McIntyre); Sam Browne (Baritone) with Orchestra; Maid Of Brail (Le Roy and Marsden); The Brass (Reed) by Eileen Joyce (Piano) and Nathan Milstein (Violin).

Etude De Concert In F Minor (Liszt); Etude De Concert In A Flat Major (Paul De Schlozer); Eileen Joyce (Piano); Sonata In A Major (Vivaldi-arr. David); Nathan Milstein (Violin) with Leopold Miltmann.

At the Piano: Trois Danses Fantastiques (Shostakovich); Scherzo Op. 16, No. 2 (D'Albert); Eileen Joyce (Piano); Polonaise Brillante In D Major, Op. 4 (Wienawski); Romance (Second Movement) from "Concerto No. 2" (Wienawski Op. 22); Nathan Milstein with Leopold Miltmann at the Piano.

8.33 Rossini—La Boutique Fantasque.

London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.

9.00 London Relay—Food for Thought.

This short talks on matters of topical interest.

9.20 Next week's programme.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Rale da Costa (Piano). "Der Fledermaus"—Selection (Strauss); Waltz Romanique (Rale da Costa).

10.00 London Relay—Sandy Macpherson at the B.B.C. Theatre Organ.

10.15 New Variety.

Orchestra W. Organ—"Girl of the Golden West"—Selection....Anton and the Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bowlton at the Organ; Vocal: Hollo Myer; And Cohen (Soprano); Max Bacon with Orchestra; Organ—I Want To Be Snappy....Sidney Torch; Piano—Rush Hour (Williamson); The Donkey Serenade (Film "Firefly")....Patricia Rossborough Vocal; The Organ; Vocal: Heyman-Mann-Wino.

There's Something About An Old Love (Mills); Flan-Hudson....Leslie Hutchinson; Vocal—Have A Bit Of Pity On The Crooner (Askey-Barker)....Arthur Askey with Small Orchestra; Dance Orchestra—Jam On Toast—Fox-Trot; Tutu Fruite—Fox-Trot....Gond Krupa and His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus; Vocal—Slumming On Park

"Trans-Ocean" reports that the Under-Secretary for Overseas Trade, Mr. R. S. Hudson, called on M. Litvinoff yesterday for the first trade conversations with Soviet Russia.

New trade negotiations, either projected or concluded, which may solve some of Europe's pressing problems, are shown by arrows. In addition to Britain's great trade push, Italy and Russia, Poland and Rumania, have just signed pacts. Britain is also seeking a Rumanian oil agreement.

Meanwhile the Balkan Entente Powers (Rumania, Jugoslavia, Greece and Turkey) have met in Bucharest to discuss their problems.

Hopes of bringing Bulgaria into the Balkan entente have had to be deferred because of the political situation in Bulgaria itself.

The Bulgarian Premier, M. Kineshianoff, is reported to have told the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, that Bulgaria would not be represented on the entente's permanent council.

Statesmen of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, met at Helsinki for to tackle common defence policy.

MEMEL, EUROPE'S NAGGING TOOTH

(Continued from Page 6.)

With the Reich. The elections will be a plebiscite.

When the elections did come, the Germans practically swept the board last December.

Bertuliet said in the same statement that after the elections Memel would demand proofs of good will from the Lithuanian Government. If it did not get them, he said, the cry "Back to the Reich" could no longer be suppressed.

When Hitler decided to join Memeland to East Prussia there couldn't be much opposition. Certainly the Poles had no desire to help Lithuania retain Memel, for in fact the land-hungry Poles would mind in the least carving a piece of Lithuania for themselves.

Pilsudski showed them how to do it.

Memel was bound to go the way of Austria and Czechoslovakia some time. Luckily, it went.

Peninsula Hotel Dust-bin Mystery

A cache of the Peninsula Hotel found 37 rounds of revolver ammunition and a dagger in a dustbin of the Hotel. The weapon and ammunition were taken to the Water Police Station yesterday.

To-day, Det. Sergeant H. T. Matches asked Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy to grant an order for the confiscation of the dagger and ammunition.

Mr. Himsforth granted the order.

President's Visit Draws To Close

London, Mar. 23.

The State visit of the President of the French Republic ends to-morrow. To-night President and Madame Lebrun, together with the King and Queen, Queen Mary, and other members of the Royal Family, leading Ministers of State, and Ambassadors and Ministers at the Court of St. James attended a banquet given at the Foreign Office by the Foreign Secretary and Lady Halifax—British Wireless.

Flying Is Hobby At 87

Sydney, Australia. Mrs. Emma Mortimer Lewis has flown 3,000 miles since she was 87. She was a passenger with the late Charles Kingsford Smith on the first Brisbane-Sydney run of the National Australian Airways and insists flying is the only worthwhile means of transportation.

FALSE FIRE ALARM

A fire alarm, believed to be from Elgin Street, was received by the Fire Station at 11.20 a.m. but when fire appliances arrived on the scene, it turned out to be false.

HUNGARY INVADES SLOVAKIA

Vienna, Mar. 23.

Political quarters in Bratislava reported that at 8 a.m. to-day Berlin time, regular Hungarian troops crossed the frontier into Slovakia near Sobrance and advanced in the direction of Michalovce, occupying several villages on the way. Shortly after 10.30 a.m., Berlin time, other Slovak frontier villages were occupied by regular Hungarian troops advancing on Michalovce from various directions.

So far no resistance has been offered to the Hungarian troops, but the Slovak Defence Minister announced this forenoon that Hlinka Guards have been mobilised and that bombing planes will be used against the advancing Hungarian troops. In addition, all Czech troops still in garrison have been ordered to oppose the advance of Hungarian troops.—Trans-Ocean.

Army A.A. Guns For London

Units of Regular anti-aircraft artillery are to supplement Territorial units in the protection of London.

Mr. Horne-Bellamy, Secretary for War, speaking in London recently, said:

"We have decided to bring two Regular regiments of anti-aircraft artillery, with their equipment, to take up their stations in London and its neighbouring areas and they are already arriving."

"The purpose of this move is not only to give additional protection to London, but to form a liaison between the Regular and Territorial formations who may be in close contact in time of emergency."

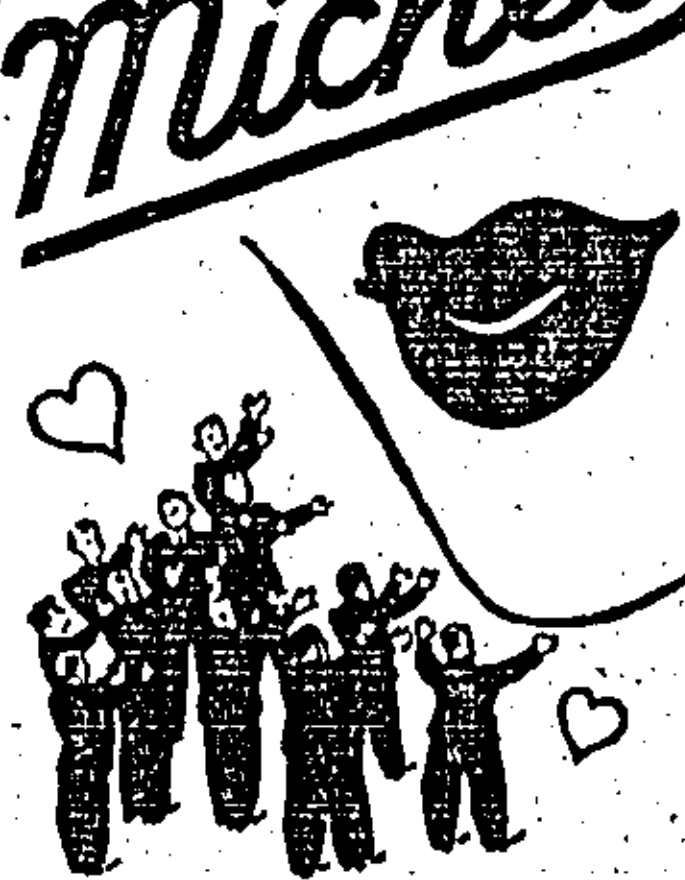
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Baltic Pawn

THE IMPLICATIONS behind the
German occupation of Memelland
are much wider than they appear
on the surface. The Memel district,
a strip of 833 square miles without
which Lithuania scarcely can live is,
although so small that it is virtually
valueless to Germany economically,
highly valuable as pawn in the larger
game Germany is now playing in
Eastern Europe.

Just as the German occupation of
Czechoslovakia and all it implies
makes Poland's southern flank highly
vulnerable, so does Lithuania, with
whom Poland established diplomatic
relations only last year through an
ultimatum presented at the point of
the gun, lie heavily on her northern
flank. And although Lithuania is
small, her strategic value is tremen-
dous, especially since Poland's
western front is exposed at Danzig.
Thus you see in German re-occu-
pation of Memel a lever with which
Lithuania can be loused into almost
any position. The first fruits have
already become manifest in the
Lithuanian-German Non-Aggression
Pact, signed yesterday. Germany
now has Lithuania's only seaport and
Lithuania may, as a result of the
dependence she must now place on
Germany, find that her freedom is
not much more than that enjoyed by
the Bohemians, the Moravians or the
Slovaks.

You will probably see, as a result
of this Memel re-occupation, another
spate of diplomatic activity in central
Europe, with Warsaw as the axis.
Poland, almost surrounded now by
Germany, must either resign herself
to the knowledge that the Pan-
Ukrainian movement Herr Hitler is
espousing involves dismemberment of
Poland as well as Soviet Russia, or
must cast around for new and
powerful allies.

In return for facilities in Memel,
and especially access to Memel Har-
bour, Lithuania will almost certainly
be forced, in the very near future if
not now, to become a vassal of
Greater Germany.

Events on the Baltic coast must
have a salutary effect on the other
little Baltic states, whom Germany
would also like to bring within her
orbit. They will watch post-Memel
developments in Lithuania with the
greatest of anxiety as a token of what
might be in store for them.

Memel is typical of German colo-
nisation territory. Even after 700
years of German rule it contained,
according to the German 1910 census,
71,701 inhabitants of German mother
tongue, and 67,124 of Lithuanian
mother tongue, while in the Lithu-
anian census of 1925 43.51 per cent
of Memel's inhabitants characterised
themselves as of German nationality,
27.50 per cent of Lithuanian na-
tionality and 25.18 per cent as
Memellanders.

Thus Memel becomes a second
precedent for German territorial
claims no longer based on the Na-
tional Socialist principle alone, but
rather on political preference, how-
ever obtained. And since all the
Baltic States contain large German
minorities, an example of what a
determined German minority with
the backing of Great Germany can
do provides them food for thought.

MEMEL, Europe's nagging tooth

by
**EMRYS
JONES**



Flanked by Nazi Germany's
East Prussia in the West,
Memel, German in spirit, makes
it jumping off ground for a
drive up the Baltic Sea.

TURN your eyes to
that strip of terri-
tory called Memel-
land that adjoins East
Prussia, whose coast is
washed by the Baltic Sea,
whose people were, until
this week, in Lithuania, and
whose heart is in Germany.

Note the clean, red-brick
cobble-stoned town of Memel it-
self, and see what a fine jump-
ing-off ground it is as a base for
any nation whose ambition it is
to make a dive up the Baltic.

Turn your eyes to Memel, be-
cause it's like a troublesome
tooth—you never know when
it's going to start aching.

Hitler and Chamberlain had
some words about it when the
British Prime Minister met the
Fuehrer in Germany during the
crisis last year.

Before we investigate that,
consider the story of Memel—
the result of a smash-and-grab
raid, following by another
smashing and grabbing that
brought it back to Germany yester-
day.

Memelland was German until
it was taken away from them by
the peacemakers in Paris, and it
was some time before the Allies
decided what to do with it.

Too Late

IN 1923 it was decided
for them. In the be-
ginning of that year armed
Lithuanians (who until the end
of the war had been Russia) be-
gan to be heard, began to give
the 200 French soldiers there,
who were keeping order on be-
half of the Allies, a lot of trou-
ble.

To the Allies came urgent re-
quests for help from the French
Commissioner. To Lithuania
went a protest, and the British
cruiser Caledon sailed for the
Baltic.

Too late. Thousands of
Lithuanians attacked the
French, who gave way. So
Memel was annexed by
Lithuania, and in the following
year the grab was recognised
when Lithuania signed the

Memel Statute, which gave or
promised to give Memelland
some sort of autonomy.

Great Britain, France, Italy,
and Japan guaranteed the in-
tegrity of Lithuania and auto-
nomy for Memelland.

Really this decision was to
save the consciences of the
Allies, who had permitted the
Poles under Pilsudski to grab
the Lithuanian capital of Vilna.

Name Changed

THE Lithuanians began by
assaulting the feelings of
the Memellanders, who were Ger-
man, by changing the name of the German
town from Memel to Klaipeda on the
railway stations and destroying
monuments that reminded the Memel-
landers of their German background.

However, there was no big cry
then to return to the arms of Ger-
many, for that was back in 1923,
when a minor agitator called Adolf
Hitler was just beginning to raise the
storm in far-away Munich.

Soon after the agitator had be-
come master of Germany, in 1933,
the German Memellander turned
their eyes to the Third Reich, Pro-
paganda and racial feeling started
the tooth aching, and from time to
time the twinges were felt all over
Europe.

The movement for incorporation
in the Third Reich began to gather
momentum, till in 1934 Lithuanian
momentum, till in 1934 Lithuanian
troops swarmed into Memelland,
arrested leaders and a hundred other
prominent German citizens.
The Lithuanians held a trial in
Kaunas, accused them of plotting to
restore Memelland to the realm of
Adolf Hitler. They sentenced four
men to death, sent nearly a hundred
to long terms of imprisonment.

Then the world saw for the first
time that other nations must take
care how they treat people of the
German race. Hitler protested vi-
gorously against the death sentences
and it looked like the aching tooth
was about to be drawn.

The Lithuanians, however, climbed
down, commuted the death sentences.
One of the men they sentenced
was Ernst Neumann, now known in
Lithuania as the Hehlen of Memel-
land. They sent him to prison for
twelve years at Staulen, but after
doing four years he was pardoned
and released.

Last week, you could have seen
the ex-veterinary surgeon Ernst
Neumann on the stump in Memelland,
wearing a dark blue suit, top boots,
with the elk-antler badge of his party
in his button-hole.

Ranked on the other side against
Neumann was the thin, high-check-
boned, bushy mustached President
of Lithuania, Antanas Smetona.
Like Poland's Pilsudski and Czechoslo-
vakia's Benes, Smetona was a
Nationalist when his country was
under foreign rule, in his case Rus-
sian rule.

He was expelled from his school
for saying prayers in Lithuanian in-
stead of Russian, then became a con-
spirator in the cause of Lithuanian
independence while he was a student
in the University of St. Petersburg.
Who wasn't a conspirator in Czarist
Russia?

Smetona has no chance in Memel-
land, for in the local Diet the German
party held 24 out of the 29 seats,
party followers gave the Nazi salute,
use the word "Heil," and organise
storm troops.

Many Clashes

THE troublesome tooth of
Memelland was kept ner-
vous by frequent clashes between
Germans and Lithuanians. Last
June Nazis and Lithuanians fought
two hours in the streets because
the Germans had welcomed a Nazi
ship in the port with the Hitler salute
and cries of "Heil!"

The casualties were the death of
a 16-years-old son of a German
policeman and 50 injured. Once
more it looked as if Europe was in
for a first-class crisis.

The storm passed—on the surface.
Memelland disappeared from the
crisis scene until a British M.P. asked
in the House of Commons what was
going to happen there. That was
after Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Ger-
many in September.

In reply, it was said that Hitler
had told Chamberlain that he'd be
glad to leave Memelland as it was, as
long as the Memel Statute was ob-
served by the Lithuanian Govern-
ment.

Please note: "As long as the
Memel Statute was observed by the
Lithuanian Government."
It would not be difficult to find an
excuse for saying that the Statute
was not being observed, and, any-
way, the Memellanders were reckoned
among the dissatisfied minorities
that afflict the European scene.

"A Scandal"

ALL this happened when
Hitler gave it out that he
had no more territorial ambitions,
but in Berlin a few days later it was
semi-officially stated (and that's
pretty official in Germany) that this
did not mean the Fuehrer was not
deeply interested in his fellow
Germans beyond the frontiers of
Nazi Germany.

In the same October that was fol-
lowed up in Berlin by the comment
that suppression in Lithuania "has
become an untenable scandal."
More to the point was the formal
declaration made to newspapermen
in Memel by Herr Bertulci, deputy-
leader of Memel's Nazis.

Said he: "Memel was separated
against its will from the German
fatherland. Now it desires reunion
(Continued on Page 5.)

I Asked Hitler Questions

Fifth Day In The Series of
Questions and Answers
from an unexpurgated Edi-
tion of "Mein Kampf".

Q. Why did you choose the
swastika?

A. "The new flag had to be just
as much a symbol of
our own struggle as of great
advertising effectiveness. Anybody
who has much to do with the masses
sees great importance in these ap-
parent trivialities. An effective
badge can in hundreds of thousands
of cases awake the first interest in a
movement." (p. 555.)

"As National-Socialists we see
our programme in our flag. In the
red we see the social idea of the
nationalist; in the swastika the
mission of the struggle for the
victory of the Aryan man." (p. 557.)

Q. What is your view of Free-
masonry?

A. "To strengthen his political
position the Jew tries to tear
down racial and political barriers
which at first still hamper his steps.
For this purpose he fights for religious
tolerance with all the toughness
peculiar to him, and has found an
excellent instrument for the cham-
pionship of his cause in Freemasonry,
which has completely fallen prey to
him.

"Governing circles and the higher
grades of the political and business
bourgeoisie fall into his snare through
masonic strings, without their realising
it." (p. 345.)

The work which Freemasonry
begins in so-called intellectual
circles to further the pacifistic
laming of the drive for national
self-preservation is passed on to the
broad masses by the activity of the
great Press to-day always Jewish." (p. 351.)

Q. What is the fundamental
difference between Nazism and
Communism?

A. "By its categorical rejection of
personality and thus of the
nation and its racial content, Nazism
destroys the elementary basis of all
human culture which is dependent
on these factors. With the destruction of
personality and race falls the im-
portant obstacle to the domination
of the inferior type—and this is the
Jew."

"So arises a pure workers' move-
ment under Jewish leadership, pre-
tending to better the condition of the
worker, but in reality aiming at the
enslavement and destruction of all
non-Jewish peoples." (p. 351.)

"The (Nazi) movement must
promote respect of the person with
all means. It must never forget that
in individual worth lies the worth of
everything human, that every idea
and every achievement is the result
of the creative power of a man." (p. 387.)

"The nationalist point of view . . .
does not only envisage the different
worth of races, but also the different
worth of individual men." (p. 421.)
"The fundamental difference be-
tween nationalist philosophy and
Marxism is that nationalist philoso-
phy does not recognise only the value of
race but also the importance of the
individual, and makes him the
foundation of its whole structure." (p. 601.)

Q. Many say you are taking
gamblers' risks in Europe.
Do you believe in taking risks?

A. "Lack of will . . . hinders every
decision connected with risk,
as if the magnitude of a deed did not
consist in its riskiness."

"He who first demands from fate
the guarantee of success, thereby
renounces the very importance of an
heroic deed. For an heroic deed lies
in the fact that although convinced
of the danger of a situation, you take
the step which will perhaps lead to
success. A man sick with cancer
. . . does not want to reckon on fifty-
one per cent, certainly before risking
an operation." (p. 463.)

Q. Do you think it would be a
better world if Germany ran
it entirely?

A. "If the German people
throughout its historical develo-
pment had possessed the herd-like
unity which helped other peoples, the
German Reich today would be mis-
tress of the world."

World history would then have
taken another course, and no man
is in a position to decide whether
the very thing that so many dazed
pacifists are to-day hoping to beg by
whining and whimpering, peace,
would not have come about in this
way.

A peace supported not on the
hand-wringing of timid pacifistic
wailing women, but by the victorious
sword of a manly people which takes
the world into the service of a higher
culture." (p. 438.)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



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Trade War - In Europe

Reich Gains Big Rumanian Victory

BUCHAREST.

Mar. 23.

THE GERMAN-RUMANIAN trade accord was signed at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

In an amazingly wide scope of grants, Germany has been given almost unprecedented concessions.

However, it is emphasised that Germany in no way obtains dominant portions of Rumania's economy.

The agreement will run automatically to 1944.

It aims at the adaption of mutual economies and creates free zones in which German shipping companies and store-houses will be organised.

It is intended to comply with Germany's need for imports and the development of Rumania's production.

Despite assertions to the contrary the belief is expressed here that there is no longer any question of Rumania's co-operation with the democracies.

It is believed that Germany will dominate Rumania.—United Press.

LONDON'S VIEW

The German-Rumanian Trade Agreement is interpreted here as placing Rumania politically, militarily, and economically within Germany's orbit, thus losing her independence.—United Press.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS

Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, has announced that Britain has rejected all prospects of achieving the Anglo-German trade agreement in view of the Reich's shattering of European frontiers.

"Political developments of the last few days have created a situation which, while it lasts, makes further progress impossible," he said.

RUMANIA CAN NOW OBTAIN ARMS

Bucharest, Mar. 23. Germany has informed Rumania that all her orders for armaments and munitions placed with the Skoda works in Bohemia before Czechoslovakia was occupied, will be delivered on time.

The orders include ten loads of munitions due for immediate delivery.—Reuter.

WIDE NATURE OF CONCESSIONS

Berlin, Mar. 23. According to a message from Bucharest, arrangements of the widest character are covered by the new German-Rumanian agreement.

The development of the enormous potential resources of Rumania, particularly in the direction of agriculture, is the main feature of the agreement, and another highly important aspect is the supply of industrial equipment.

Intensification of products is anticipated, especially of fodder, oil seed, and fibre plant.

Attention is also paid to forestry. German machines and mining equipment will be supplied, and German-Rumanian companies will be formed to exploit copper, chromium and manganese. Bauxite and aluminium industries will be founded.

A German-Rumanian company will promote mineral oil production, execute boring, and a distribution programme.

CO-ORDINATE INDUSTRIES

The two countries will co-ordinate their industries and create new zones in which industrial and trade undertakings will be established, and warehouses will be built for German shipping in the free zone.

The delivery of war materials and armaments for the Rumanian army, navy and air forces, and armaments industries are also included in the agreement.

The agreement will come into force after its ratification, and it will remain valid until March 31, 1944, and if not denounced a year before its expiration, will be prolonged indefinitely subject to a year's notice at the end of every fourth year.—Reuter.

NEGOTIATIONS IN EAST

London, Mar. 23. The present circumstances are not favourable for the despatch of a British mission to Chungking to consult with the Chinese Government as regards the best opportunities for developing trade in textiles in West China, said Mr. Ronald Cross, replying to Mr. H. Sutcliffe in the House of Commons to-day.

He added that the Board of Trade did not wish to discourage interests concerned from sending a mission. It was considered that the possibilities of trade were worth exploring.—Reuter.

ITALY NEGOTIATES

Genoa, Mar. 23. It is reported that Italy is negotiating for the purchase of 50,000 tons of

Social Season Winding Up

Dream Dancing Novelty At Gloucester Hotel

Hongkong's 1938-39 social season is rapidly drawing to a close in a whirlwind of gaiety.

While La Perle et Jean Var have been drawing large attendances and warm acclamation at the Hongkong Hotel with their Spanish dances, Frances and Fred, a brilliant combination from Europe, are delighting Gloucester Hotel patrons with a new and novel technique in exhibition interpretations of the waltz, tango and rumba.

Known as "dream dancing," they perform their amazingly intricate steps and sequences without making a sound, added effect being given by the pianissimo playing of the orchestra.

Frances performs some dramatic steps, and both she and her partner are completely polished in all their acts. "Dream Dancing" brings a delightful novelty to Hongkong's socialites.

SLOVAKIA INVADED BY HUNGARIANS

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Hungarian invasion, the Hungarian Government has promised an immediate investigation.

However, since the eastern frontier of Slovakia has never been previously definite and that it is possible that a local conflict has developed between the Hungarian and Slovakian forces near the frontier.

The reply said there is no question of actual military operations and that the reports that the Hungarians invaded Slovakia with German encouragement are completely false.—United Press.

NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

Berlin, Mar. 23. Official German circles are not so far taking the reports of Hungarian incursions into Slovakia very seriously.

It is considered that the Hungarians, in the course of purifying Ruthenia, have crossed what was a very vague and doubtful frontier, into territory claimed by the Czechs. It is recalled that there were similar incidents during the occupation of Sudetenland.—Reuter Special.

FIGHTING NEAR USZOROD

Pressburg, Mar. 24. It was impossible on Thursday evening to obtain telephone communication with the eastern part of Slovakia, but according to various reports received, fighting is continuing somewhere near Uszorosod.

Slovak troops are said to be resisting the Hungarian invasion. Hlinka Guards and several Slovak soldiers were killed, according to a communication received by the press from the leader of the Hlinka Guards, Herr Mach.

He admitted that authority has completely broken down in the remote parts of Slovakia.

Slovak troops and Hlinka Guards have been despatched to resist the Hungarian invasion.

TOTALLY UNEXPECTED

Pressburg, Mar. 24. The entry of Hungarian troops into eastern Slovakia is characterised by the Slovak authorities as an utterly unexpected military assault on Slovak territory.

According to reports so far received the Hungarians marched into eastern Slovakia in three columns shortly after mid-night.

Infantry battalions marched from Velke Berezna to Ubla and Szakeina, while one motorised regiment with tanks marched from Uszorosod in the direction of Sobrance.

At 9.30 a.m. the Hungarians were about 12 miles from the other side of the previous frontier.

Towards 11 o'clock Hungarian formations occupied positions on the Roztoky-Fekizovce line. In the course of the morning, Hungarian airplanes were over Preschov. In the district of Sobrance a fortified Hungarian line is said to have been observed yesterday afternoon.

Reports state that the Slovak troops have dug trenches in positions opposite the Hungarians and are holding these positions.—Trans-Ocean.

SECOND BUDGET NEXT MONTH

London, Mar. 23. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will open his second budget in the House of Commons on April 25.—British Wireless.

whent from Yugo-Slavia, Hungary, and Rumania.—Reuter.

NOT EXCLUSIVE TO REICH

Bucharest, Mar. 23. Following the signing of the agreement with Germany, M. Gafencu said: "We are prepared to sign similar treaties with other countries if they wish."

Rumania retains her economic independence under the agreement, according to political circles, which, however, give the impression that Rumania agreed to rather more than was originally wished.

German circles describe the agreement as a "part of German-Rumanian Five Year Plan."—Reuter Special.

Australia To Manufacture Warplanes

Decentralisation Of Industry

LONDON, Mar. 23.

THE AIR MINISTER announced in the House of Commons that the United Kingdom air mission, which by arrangement with the Australian Government has been investigating the possibility of aircraft production in Australia, had now completed its report.

The main recommendations had been considered by the United Kingdom Government and the Commonwealth Government, and both Governments had decided to accept them generally, and to put them in operation forthwith.

Immediate action would be taken for the manufacture in Australia of air frames to British design suitable for Australian requirements, and also those of the R.A.F. in the Far East.

The report of the mission emphasised the extent to which engineering resources had been developed in recent years in Australia. Full advantage would accordingly be taken of these resources by a system of widespread sub-contracting throughout the engineering industry. This would accelerate production in peace time, and create a capacity for expansion in an emergency. This scheme, Sir Kingsley Wood declared, was an important contribution to Empire defence.—British Wireless.

PREMIER'S GRAVE WARNING

(Continued from Page 1.)

of the country serve to show that public opinion generally is in favour of the immediate introduction of limited compulsory service. A six months' period is advocated.—Trans-Ocean.

NOT CHALLENGED

London, Mar. 23. Government supporters approve of the tone of Mr. Chamberlain's declaration in the House of Commons as regards the international situation, and consider that he could not have been more precise in the present circumstances.

Critics of the Prime Minister in the Government ranks regard it as a strong and important declaration. Several opposition Labour members have expressed satisfaction with the terms of the statement.

It was observed that after the statement, Labour and Liberal front-benchers asked no questions.

Only Mr. A. Bevin, who is an associate of Sir Stafford Cripps, asked challenging questions.—Reuter.

CZECH CONSUL WON'T HAND OVER

Colombo, Mar. 23. The Czech Consul, who is an Englishman, has refused to hand over the Consulate to the German authorities.

It is understood that he takes this stand on the ground that England has not recognised the annexation of the Czech States.—Reuter.

LAW OF JUNGLE

London, Mar. 23. Mr. Anthony Eden, addressing American newspaper correspondents at the Savoy Hotel to-day, said that a great part of Europe now sees no law prevail but the law of the jungle, where the prey falls to the swiftest and most ruthless stroke.

He believed it to be the duty of peace-loving nations to unite immediately to organise defence against further aggression.

"We should act with speed, for as conditions are to-day, every hour counts," added Mr. Eden.—Reuter Special.

SOVIET AGREES TO CO-OPERATE

London, Mar. 23. A note from the Soviet Government handed to the British Foreign Office to-day, confirms agreement of Soviet Russia to the British proposal of a four Power declaration, stated a competent British authority to-night.

At the same time it was stated that the Polish Government continues to make difficulties. The question whether, in the event of Poland maintaining her present attitude a declaration would be made by Britain, France and Russia, has not yet been decided.—Trans-Ocean.

Bluecher Dropped By Soviet

Moscow, Mar. 23. The list of the new Political Bureau just announced includes M. Stalin, M. Andreyev, M. Voroshiloff, M. Zhdanov, M. Kaganovich, M. Kalinin, M. Kikoyan, M. Molotov, M. Khrushchev, M. Berin, and M. Shvernik. Field-Marshal Bluecher is among prominent figures eliminated from the Bureau.—Reuter.

Spelling Bee

How many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

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liquidation disrultine
liquify fluxable
English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 5.

Italians Will Press Claims

Totalitarians To "Fight Together"

BERLIN, Mar. 23.

THE "FRANKFURTER ZEITUNG" declares that Italy will press her claims against France "even more strongly."

Germany, the paper says, regards every vital Italian demand as equal to the vital German demands, and if necessary, the two countries will fight together.

The hope and belief is expressed that Italy will get satisfaction without a war.—Reuter.

FRANCE SEEKS CONTACTS

Paris, Mar. 23. The possibility of unofficial Franco-Italian contacts is still being aired in the French press.—Reuter Special.

MEMEL TO BECOME A POWERFUL FORTRESS

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ing" inflicted after the World War. It is not clear whether he meant that Germany is satisfied territorially.

He said the Germany which has arisen "does not trust her fate to foreigners but has determined it herself... even if it does not please the outside world."—United Press.

FORMAL TRANSFER

Kaunas, Mar. 23. A member of the Lithuanian garrison will meet German military representatives at noon for the formal handing over of the Memel territory.—Reuter.

NO U.S. RECOGNITION

Washington, Mar. 23. The Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, said to-day that the United States will not recognise Germany's absorption of Memel.

However, he indicated that it is viewed under a somewhat different category than the absorption of Czechoslovakia.

He drew attention to the absorption of Memel having followed a constitutional procedure. He said he had received a formal notification from the Lithuanian Minister which had been forwarded to the Treasury Department, a procedure which is interpreted as presaging a penalty on import duties.—United Press.

SOVIET COMMENT

Moscow, Mar. 23. The "Pravda" commenting on Germany's latest move, declared that "the seizure was not unexpected." "It follows the Anglo-French policy which failed to take measures to prevent annexation, despite British, French, and Italian guarantees of Lithuanian sovereignty."

"To talk recently heard in London and Paris with regard to a new Anglo-French foreign policy, remains talk."—Reuter Special.

REACTION IN POLAND

The Polish Foreign Office continued on Thursday to be the scene of great diplomatic activities. Colonel Beck had further talks with the French Ambassador, M. Noel, and with the Slovak Charge d' Affaires, Dr. Kilmowski.

The callers also included the diplomatic envoys of Estonia and Latvia.

The surrender of Memel to Germany is having a far reaching effect on Poland. The two leaders of the opposition conferred with Premier Skladkowski.

Considerable sensation has been created by the arrest of the editor of the paper "Slovo" for having attacked the Government's foreign policy. This action, it is stated, proves that the position of Colonel Beck is as strong as ever.

He still enjoys the full support of the Polish Army and no-one would be surprised if the Government were to take drastic action against the opposition.—Trans-Ocean.

LADY FIGHTS WITH ARMED ROBBERS

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three men rushed the door and, gaining admittance, quickly bound her. "The robbers were ransacking the flat when I returned."

"I suspected something was wrong as I was about to enter but, before I could do anything, I was seized."

"I struggled desperately and tried to run out into the street again."

"The men held on to me and we struggled in the doorway, they trying to drag me inside, presumably in order to bind me, while I struggled to get free and raise the alarm."

"They could not drag me inside and when I did struggle free they took fright and decamped."

Mrs. Holmes was severely slashed on the arms by one of the men. All the intruders were armed with knives. Mrs. Holmes made light of the incident.

"I'm not going to tell you any more, she said."

"I've been knocked about, I'm hungry because I haven't had a bite since breakfast and, besides, I've got three children coming home from school in a minute."

ROBBER DETAINED Mrs. Holmes' children were not informed of the robbery.

Because they had collected their loot before they were disturbed by Mrs. Holmes, the robbers were able to take a considerable quantity away with them.

Later it was reported that an employee of the Dairy Farm, named Hui Chung, chased after one of the robbers and, with Constable C.177, arrested him.

The other two robbers escaped.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1889. We beg to inform the Public Works Department, on behalf of the hundreds of rich-ha-petrons, that Queen's Road Central is a disgrace to it. And we further move that the said Department be put into a springless van to-morrow and furiously driven over the said road 420 times, with particular attention on the part of the driver when between the Hongkong Dispensary and Messrs. Powell's premises. What this Colony is asking for is an acting-deputy-assistant-help-Surveyor-General who is not a scion of some noble race, perpetually practising on his blotting-pad how "Hon. J. P. will look, and who will attend to business."

Extracts from the reports of the committee on the naval manoeuvres in the position in the Third Brigade at the Curragh and Dublin is unprecedented. On Friday morning the War Office requested officers who were unprepared for active service in order to send in their papers within twelve hours. Seventy, out of seventy-five including General Gough, N. C. did send in their papers. As a result of the reference at the War Office on Friday night, General Paget, the Officer Commanding the Troops in Ireland, conferred on Saturday with the senior officers who had resigned. It was intimated that the War Office was willing to accept the resignation of General Gough and Major Kearsley, but not the others who, if they disobeyed orders, would be liable to be tried by court-martial.

Reuter's correspondent at Vienna states that the Kaiser, Emperor Franz Joseph and afterwards gave an audience to Count Borchardt, the Foreign Minister.

10 YEARS AGO March 24, 1929. It is understood that the unification of the North China and the South China Commands of H.M. Land Forces in China will take place in the near future, when Shanghai will cease to be the Headquarters of the North China Command and will in future be known as the Shanghai Area. The Command will be known as the China Command, with headquarters at Hongkong. Major-General Sandilands is at present commanding the South China Command and presumably will take over the supreme command when the amalgamation has been completed. Brigadier O. C. Barrett will continue in his present office as Brigadier commanding the Shanghai Area.

5 YEARS AGO March 24, 1934. A warning that Germany's armament demands are likely shortly to be extended into the naval field is contained in the French Reply to the British Disarmament Memorandum, published to-day.

The British offer of consultation in the event of violation of the Convention is held to be fraudulent. France insists upon common action by the Powers to rectify any infraction "by all methods of pressure which would be recognised as necessary and appropriate." France recognises and appreciates the value of Britain's Locarno pledges, but France cannot dissociate herself from the difficulties of other Powers with legitimate preoccupations regarding security.

The Note concludes that France will accept no proposal which increases France's armament while legalising "armament already in violation of Treaties."

After paying off on March 31, the ship H.M.S. Gamble is to be handed over to the Hongkong Naval Defence Force for use as a drill ship.

SIRDHANA'S SEA BURIALS

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ins. deep, while it was empty and lay there stunned when the coal came tumbling down on him a few minutes later. There was no likelihood of suggestion of foul play.

The body was taken on deck, prepared for burial, and buried at sea. A full account of the discovery was wirelessed to the Japanese authorities and on arrival in Hongkong Captain Philip Fairbairn made a report to the Japanese Consul-General.

UNEXPECTED INCIDENTS

For two trips shipboard life on the Sirdhana has been enlivened by unexpected incidents. On her last journey from Calcutta she transported a fireman from the Benignes to give him medical aid; but the fireman died on board and had to be buried at sea.

On the voyage before that she took a disabled Japanese fishing trawler in tow and brought it in safely to Hongkong.

CONTINENTAL The Sturdy Portable

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AND here is a confession. My own education has been sadly neglected in this respect. I have not yet seen "The Citadel." But 600,000 people can't be wrong.

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DAILY SKETCH

"HOT" FAVOURITES HAD LEAN TIME IN FIRST EXTRA

MR. ENCARNACAO SCORES FIRST WIN ON AUSSIE

(By "Captain Foster")

Generally speaking, favourites had a lean afternoon at the First Extra Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club held last Saturday, but there was present a good turn out of the regular followers of the turf.

Apart from the good racing and a few juicy dividends which enthused the meet, Mr. Charlie Encarnacao must have been tickled to death over his success on Chiltern, owned by Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, in the Handicap Plate over a mile, for it was his first winning mount on an Australian pony at Happy Valley. The victory jockey's heart, for he was in great form, piloting two more subsequent wins on Rose Elect and Rose Jane in the Hongkong Handicap, first and second sections respectively, the chance of securing a "hat-trick" on Smiling Time was nipped in the bud by Silver Star (won by a neck) in the Tynan Handicap (second section) ably ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao. The latter had two wins (King Kong and Silver Star), both being in the first and second sections of the Tynan Handicap, and incidentally Mr. Tao provided the combination for the daily double betting which paid \$1,034.50 for a five dollar ticket. I have not a long memory, but I think Mr. Tao is now the sixth jockey who rode the two winners in the daily double events. Messrs. Eu Tong-sen and T. E. Pearce were the most successful owners, each having two wins. It was a pity that Desert Chief could not accept the Hongkong Handicap (first section) as the chief, but it is to be hoped that he will soon be donning the silk. Mr. Eu

Tong-sen's Smiling Thru, who was the second best 1938 sub-griffin, has not appeared in public after his successful run in the Sub-Griffins Plate on September 24 and I hear he is still under the care of a vet.

STARTING SOON

There are in addition a few good 'uns such as Cameronian, Confusion Bay, Dawn Star, Half-Moon Eye and Happy Eve, who did not face the starter at the Annual Carnival, but I trust that they will weigh out at the Easter session.

It may be of interest to know that Mr. Eric Moller's Navylight, who pulled up lame after running second to Rose Elect in the Hongkong Derby, is now in Shanghai and it is reliably learned that the mare will not be seen in action until after the recess.

It has been represented to me on good authority that Hetman, belonging to the Chairman of the Club, and Treadbridge, owned by Mrs. T. E. Pearce, have been destroyed, the latter being the winner of the 1933 Blue Riband.

Among the Australian ponies, Mr. Li Lan-sung's Courting Eve is back on the course, but I have not as yet seen Mr. J. E. McGregor's Strathroy who has spent the winter in Fanning. I hear that Electron (the property of three Medicos) is in a very bad condition and there is a possibility of destroying the animal.

China Ponies Provide Useful Information For Future Racing

Last Saturday's racing was not only excellent, but gave us some good line for the future. The running of some China ponies, specially among the batch of subscription griffins of this season, showed clearly the difference between handicap and class form.

After a sequence of five unsuccessful outings, Mr. G. Trevorton rode a clever race on the winner, Avon, belonging to Sir Vandeleur Grayburn in the Lotters Stakes, six furlongs, beating Peaceful View, with Mr. K. I. Ip up, by a neck. It was a novice event, the jockeys being penalised with a penalty of 2 lbs. for each race won and in the circumstance Mr. Trevorton had a pull of six pounds. The jockey on Peaceful View made the running at the release of the barrier followed by Avon, and the first quarter was covered in 28 1/2 seconds, which was too fast a run up the Black Rock. The second quarter was negotiated in about the same time, but the ponies were crawling along in the home stretch with 32 seconds for the last quarter. It was, however, a good fight. Jennifer, who let the public down badly, failed to strike her best, but will no doubt be in better condition at the Easter meeting.

A SURPRISE

The glorious uncertainty of racing was witnessed in the Tynan Handicap (first section) over a mile for China ponies, subscription griffins, when Musketeer (who finished third) went under badly to King Kong and Strathbannock. It was certainly a big surprise for King Kong as the pony had only a win at the Annual Race Meeting. It must, however, not be overlooked that King Kong had a pull of 15 lbs. against Musketeer and the difference of weights was too much for the Valley Stakes winner to concede. Apart from the interest shown in the first handicap event, with a field containing winners and placed subscription griffins of the season, Musketeer was selected by the betting public as the best kill of the afternoon.

The students of form poured out money like water on the chestnut charger and the fighter was backed to the tune of 2,123 tickets for a win out of a total sum of over 4,000 odd. However, the result of this classic handicap event showed that Musketeer, Orange Boven and Portrush could not carry extra lead over the weight for inches as per scale. Contrary to expectations, Chatterbox refused to line up, but 15 racers weighed out and the mile was run in 2:01 1/2 which was an amazing performance.

Boxing

CHAMPION MISJUDGES THE COUNT

Liverpool, Mar. 23. Ernie Roderick, 10st 5 lbs., of Liverpool, won a British welterweight boxing title to-night, knocking out the holder, Jake Kilrain, 10st 6 lbs., of Glasgow, in the seventh round of their scheduled 15-round bout.

The winner meets Henry Armstrong for the world's welterweight title in London on May 22. Roderick, who was a pronounced favourite, started confidently and connected with several left jabs to Kilrain's mouth. The Scot continued with his rushing tactics, eventually launching a heavy fifth-round attack which worried Roderick.

The winner fought back savagely in the sixth, sending Kilrain down with a right to the jaw. Kilrain landed a blow to the heart in the seventh, but Roderick sent him down again with another right. Kilrain then misjudged the count and was counted out while resting on one knee.—Reuter.

Eastern Beat Royal Scots On Sodden Ground

ODD GOAL IN SEVEN SETTLES ISSUE OF SENIOR SOCCER TIE

With rain falling intermittently and the ground sodden, conditions were far from ideal yesterday afternoon when Eastern met the Royal Scots in the First Division of the Hongkong Football League on the Club Ground. The surface was so slippery that to keep on one's feet was difficult and as a result good ball control was more or less out of the question. Nevertheless during the 70 minutes of football, no fewer than seven goals were scored, the Chinese beating the soldiers by the odd goal.

A peculiar feature of the game was the number of scoring opportunities missed but this was due almost entirely to the players' inability to control the ball.

Considering the conditions prevailing, the two teams played extraordinarily good football in mid-field, and there was much in the approach work of both sides. But when the forwards got to within shooting distance, however, they were not so impressive.

The game started off with an early thrill, the Scots being unlucky not to take the lead in the first minute. Cook, on the right, sent the ball in after a good run, but the ball skidded past with the inside forwards looking on helplessly. The Scots had another opportunity shortly afterwards to go ahead, but Parnaby's shot went wide. The Chinese then had their period of attacking but they also met with no success.

Exchanges were very even at this stage, the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other without result until the Eastern attack finally succeeded in penetrating the Scots' defence. Hau Ching-to tore away on the left wing and sent in a shot which Duncan pushed out to Yu Yuch-shing. The latter shot for goal but the ball struck Park and rebounded into play, whereupon Hau King-shing pounced on it and scored.

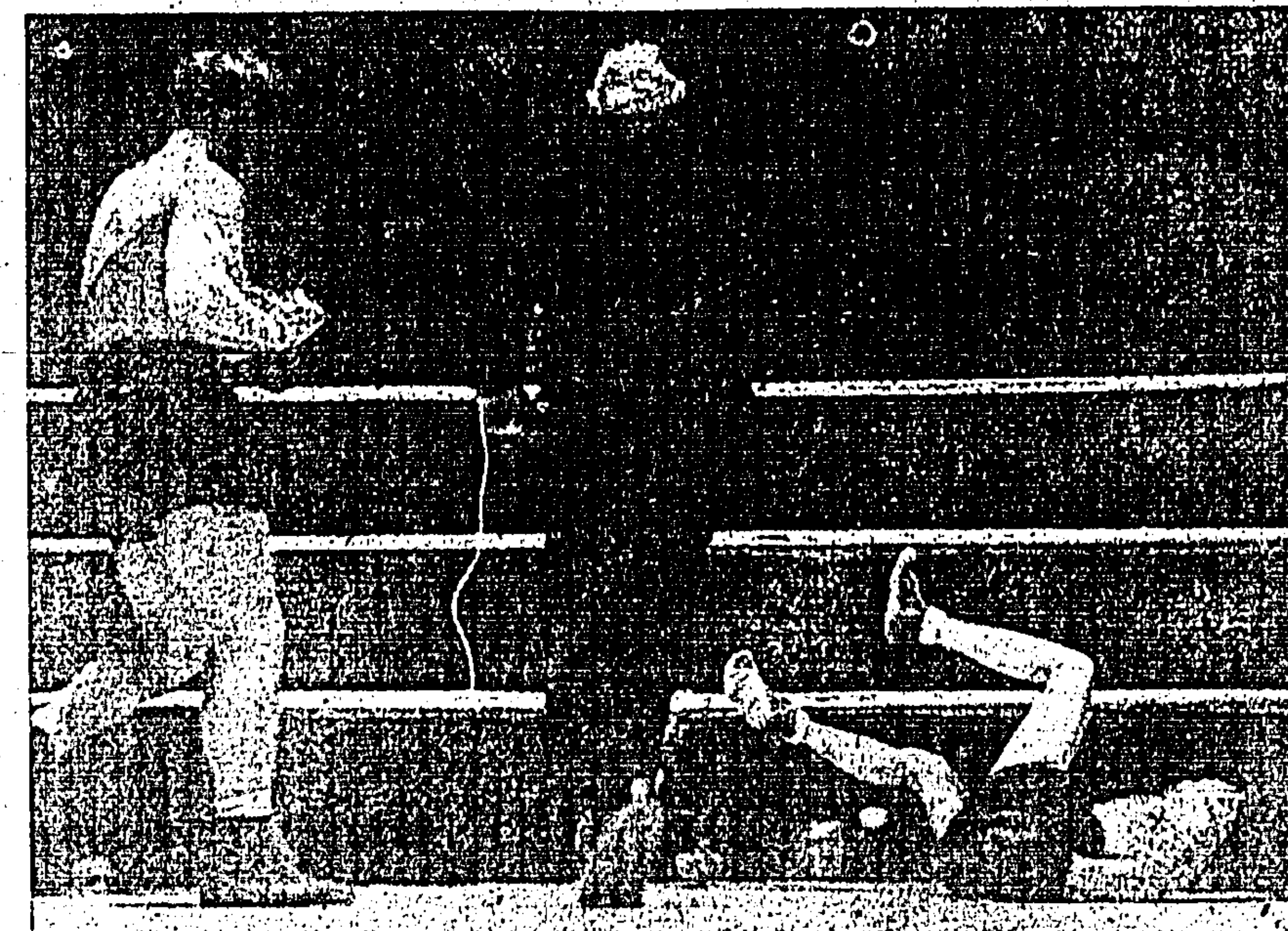
Rather against the run of play, Eastern went further ahead shortly afterwards, Lee Tack-kee adding their second goal.

The soldiers fought back gallantly, however, in spite of this reverse and before long had got on level terms, MacDougall being the scorer on both occasions.

In the second half, Eastern made several determined attacks and were unfortunate not to score in the first few minutes. The soldiers weathered the storm, and after a re-arrangement in the forward line, they went ahead for the first time when Bailey broke through to score.

Eastern drew level soon afterwards from a corner, Lee Tack-kee heading the ball into the net. With the scores tied, both sides went all out for a win, and Eastern succeeded in the closing minutes when Lee Tack-kee was given a perfect pass and he made no mistake.

Teams:—Eastern:—Lau Hin-hon; Tsui Boven, Mew Wah-kyok; Lau Shih-tsun, Tsang Chung-wan, Lo Wai-shuen; Chan Ping-to, Yu Yuch-shing, Lee Tack-kee, Tsui King-shing, Hau Ching-to. Royal Scots:—Duncan, Park, Fraser, Brown, Marshall, Clarke; Parnaby, MacDougall, Bailey, Bandler.



Picture shows the finish of the recent fight between Eric Boon and Arthur Danahar for the lightweight championship of Great Britain. Boon, the champion, has just sent his opponent crashing to the canvas and the referee intervenes awarding the fight to the title-holder.

FINE WEATHER AND GOOD GOING FOR GRAND NATIONAL

Many Horses Expected To Finish In The Race

London, Mar. 23.

With an outsider, Squadron Castle, winning the first leg of the spring double, book-makers are sitting pretty over the Grand National, especially as the race is considered one of the most open in many years with no horse competing comparable with giants of the past like Manifesto and Cloister.

Fine weather and good going are likely to result in a large number of finishers and there will be no debacle like 1928 when only two finished. This, however, makes the picking of the winner even more difficult.

One of the most interesting runners will be Danial, who finished the course last year. He will be ridden by the young amateur jockey, Mr. Jack Morris, who has only recently taken up riding. Mr. Morris will win £7,500 for an outlay of £71 if Danial wins. He found layers to wager 100 to 60 against him completing the first circuit, 500 to 10 against him getting over the first fence and 1,000 to one against him winning the race.

A lot of late money has been wagered recently on Blue Bird, who finished seventh last year when starting as a joint favourite. He was backed to win £11,000 last night.—Reuter.

100/1 Scotchwood (o)
100/1 Tuckmill (o)
100/1 Epiphaneas (o)

JOCKEYS ASSIGNED

London, Mar. 23. Mr. Hislop will ride Sporting Tiger in the Grand National, and Elder will take out Lucky Patch. Seratchley will ride Pencil. Jockeys for the other horses are as previously announced. Jovial Judge has been scratched.—Reuter.

Aldine Wins Liverpool Handicap

London, Mar. 23. The Liverpool Hurdle Handicap over two miles and one furlong resulted in a win for Aldine, starting at 4/1, with Isdes, 20/1, second and Santayana, 100/6 third.

Eighteen ran in the race. Aldine won by four lengths and two lengths separated second and third. Aldine was fourth in the Lincolnshire Handicap race yesterday.—Reuter.

RUGGER RELATIONS PATCHED UP

Britain And France Bury Hatchet

Paris, Mar. 23.

The "olive branch" extended by four British Rugby Unions in an effort to resume rugby relations with France is welcomed by sporting circles here.

The newspaper Auto hails the letter from the British Unions as a "joyful thunder-clap in the rugby world," but states that everything was by no means settled. It points out that the French Federation is holding an extraordinary meeting on Sunday to discuss the letter and its terms, which included the abandonment of the French Championship which hitherto had been the chief obstacle to resuming matches.

It is understood the conditions also included permanent suspension of managers who paid or are still paying players and that managers and players who have been concerned with the Professional League should not be reinstated by the French Federation which must also observe the International Board's Rules, namely "A player ordered off should not be allowed to return to the field."

M. Laurent, Secretary of the French Federation, says all conditions are easily acceptable and believed the Federation will suggest that England and France play in Paris on January 1, 1940.—Reuter.

Rugger Matches At Home

London, Mar. 23. The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby Union to-day:

Birkenhead Park 9 Blackheath 13
Bath 3 Weston-Super-Mare 7
—Reuter.

Kilstar Still The Favourite

London, Mar. 23.

The following is the latest call over:

- 8/1 Kilstar (t and o.)
- 10/1 Workman (t and o.)
- 10/1 Royal Danell (t and o.)
- 100/1 Fernhill (t and o.)
- 100/1 Royal Mall (o), 100/6 (t)
- 100/1 Blue Bird (o), 18/1 (t)
- 20/1 Inversible (o), 25/1 (t)
- 22/1 Rockquilla (t and o.)
- 25/1 Coolen (t and o.)
- 25/1 Brendan's Cottage (t and o.)
- 28/1 Underhill (t and o.)
- 28/1 Macmoffat (t and o.)
- 28/1 St. George (o), 30/1 (t)
- 30/1 Dunhill Castle (t and o.)
- 35/1 Perfect Part (o), 40/1 (t)
- 40/1 Dominick's Cross (t and o.)
- 40/1 Montreux (o)
- 40/1 War Vessel (o), 45/1 (t)
- 40/1 Milano (o)
- 40/1 Red Freeman (o)
- 50/1 Black Hawk (o)
- 50/1 Red Hillman (o)
- 50/1 Sporting Prince (o)
- 50/1 Bachelor (o)
- 50/1 Symaethis (o)
- 50/1 Pencil (o)
- 50/1 Lucky Penny (o)
- 50/1 Lucky Patch (o), 80/1 (t)
- 80/1 West Point (o), 100/1 (t)
- 100/1 Drim (t and o.)
- 100/1 Birdie (t and o.)
- 100/1 Memberist (o)
- 100/1 Second Act (o)
- 100/1 Dealya (o)



LONDON UNIVERSITY GIRLS receiving rowing instruction in the tank at Chiswick. The crew met Oxford University women at Oxford recently.

Special Homoside Soccer Forecast

The following teams are specially selected to win in the Home Football programme tomorrow:

Home Winners

Leeds
Sheffield U.
Tottenham
Bournemouth
Barnsley
Bradford C.
Oldham
Stockport

Optional Selections

Coventry
Southampton
West Bromwich
Southend
Lincoln

All-India Team To Play Recreio

The following have been chosen to represent the All-India XI in a friendly hockey game against the Club de Recreio on Sunday, March 26 at 10.15 a.m. sharp on the Recreio ground:—(Weather permitting): N. C. Sen-Gupta (H.K. University); Guseh Singh (Kumaon Rifles); Datta Ram (Raj. Rifles); M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.); Lal Singh (Kumaon Rifles); M. H. Hassan (Radio); Hav. Shah Wali (Raj. Rifles); Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); Lt. Prithamath (Raj. Rifles); Captain, Neral Singh (Kumaon Rifles), and Parbat (Kumaon Rifles).

K.C.C. Team To Play Police

The following will represent the K.C.C. in a second division league cricket match against the Police at Happy Valley to-morrow. W. Mulcahy (captain), T. A. Madar, F. A. Broadbridge, S. A. Gray, B. D. Lay, G. A. Goodwin, G. E. Taylor, J. R. Luke, W. L. McKenzie, R. Baldwin, and R. A. Simpson. Umpire: H. Brokenshire.



ROBERT DONAT, male lead in M-G-M's picture "THE CITADEL", voted one of the 10 best pictures of the year, enjoys his leisure hours with a good pipe.

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NANCY



Satisfactory Entries For Fanling Meet

Special Dollar Sweep On St. John Cup Race The Main Attraction

(By "Captain Foster")

Very good entries have been received for the Spring Meeting, which will be the last of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club to be held at Kwanti on Sunday. The St. John Cup, which is a handicap flat event for "D" class China ponies, is the main event.

In connection with the major contest, a special dollar cash sweep is being conducted by the race club and the cost of a book of ten tickets is \$9 which can be obtained at the Secretaries' Office, Hongkong Bank Building, or the Cash Sweep Department, 18 Connaught Road Central. There will be no more hurdlings and steeplechasing after Sunday, but it must be admitted that the season 1938/1939 has been a very successful one and the Stewards of the Fanling Club are to be complimented upon in providing the racing public with plenty of thrills and good sport.

The main reason for the popularity of country racing has been proved by increased attendances at every meeting, but let it be understood that without the flat events, the Kwanti racecourse executives will find a hard proposition to keep their heads above water. The turnover in both the pari-mutuel and cash sweep departments will no doubt show a considerable advance on last season's figure and this was, no doubt, due to the patronage of the "small men." Without them there will be no racing and it is to be hoped that they will receive a little more consideration for their comfort during next jumping season. Seating accommodation is one of their chronic complaints and I am sure that the Stewards of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will not turn a deaf ear to this request.

Fanling Club opened their season on Boxing Day and in that meeting there were a good few spills owing to the fact that the ponies did not receive proper schooling. There is no doubt, however, that the "chessers" and hinders are now clearing the obstacles without any trouble and I have reason to believe that a big crowd will be motoring out to see the last meeting, the first event being timed to run off at 2.45 p.m. sharp.

BAN ON WINNERS SHOULD PROVIDE A SPLENDID RACE

The opening event will be the Shataukok Handicap, which is a steeplechase for China ponies over 1½ miles and the ban on winners has precluded the entry of Digenes and Ebony Idol. Judging by the allotment of lead, it looks as if we shall see a fine race provided of course that all the jockeys can draw the proper weight. It was an eye- opener at every meeting to see ponies weighing out with a colossal extra burden of the lead and surely it was not fair to the official handicapper who had to use his wit in adjusting the poundage. However, Zero is at the top of the tree among the list of entries, but I am afraid that he may not last the distance of 1½ miles.



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I like Three Farthings, who has improved in every outing and with a bit of luck he should win. Double Chance is not a bad 'chaser provided, of course, he does not run past the wing. Mortmain, the winner of the Governor's Cup at the last meeting, is nicely weighted below Zero with a pull of 10 lbs. and the chestnut pony is dangerous to upset the apparent. Lucky Again has never appeared in public over the fences and I know nothing about the pony.

March Brown Favoured To Win Here

The Drag Hunters' Plate, which is a hurdle race for bona-fide hunters over the Derby course, has attracted 13 China ponies and with the exception of winners carrying 107 lbs. all others have to shoulder 100 lbs. It will be recalled that March Brown, who was my fancy for the Governor's Cup at the last meeting, ran out and did not complete the course. I still nominate him for the event and I trust the bay gelding will not let me down on Sunday. The old timer, King Parade, will have to be watched and Clowner should fill the third position.

Even Fight For Brisbane H'cap

With Brutus, Strathearrick and Teviotdale out of the race, I expect to see a good field for the Brisbane Handicap, a steeplechase over 1½ miles. A good tussle over the birch and brush will result between Glorious Star, Spark Plug, Spectrum and Streamline. Spectrum is my fancy.

MAIN RACE WILL HAVE BIG PRIZE

Chief interest will be centred on the St. John Cup, a handicap for "D" class China ponies and the run is over a mile. Last year the St. John Cup was a handicap hurdle event and the winner, Clowner, presented the lucky drawer of ticket No. 21503 with a first prize of \$14,022.57 for a dollar chance. It is not possible to predict what the first prize will be worth on Sunday, but I understand that it will be much more than last year's sum. Royal Highness holds the post of honour with 103 lbs. and the mare has something to think about when she gets on the Kwanti racecourse. When they clashed in the Oldtimers' Handicap at Fanling not very long ago, the winner (Royal Highness) conceded 3 lbs. to the second pony (Plain View) whereas on Sunday the latter has a pull of 10 lbs. for a beating of half-a-length and one has therefore to consider the chance of Plain View. Flybynight has not much lead to worry and I like him on account of his performance in the Jockey Cup at the big meeting. Ebony Idol, the winner of Fanling Blue Riband, looks tempting at only 147 lbs. and so does Emergency Call with an impost of 143 lbs.

HOBERT PLATE

In the Hobart Plate for Australian ponies of this season (imported by the senior club) over six furlongs, the order of finish should be in my estimation Bruno, African Diamond and Schmetterling.

SUBS' SCURRY

The Subs' Scurry over half a mile for China ponies, subscription grinds, will be an interesting event for there are 13 entries. The scramble should be between Avalon, National Service



Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and Paulette Goddard in David Selznick's "The Young In Heart," showing at the King's Theatre to-morrow. The picture is released through United Artists.

Badminton Semi-Final Encounters

Yong And Au Not Playing To-night

The Men's Senior Singles badminton semi-final match between K. L. Yong and C. Au, arranged for this evening at Taikeo, will not be played. Two other matches, however, will be decided. These are as follows:

JUNIOR SINGLES

J. S. Ho v. F. Boone (8 p.m.)
P. K. Hul v. F. Koh (8.30 p.m.)
Two matches in the "B" Division of the League are also scheduled to be decided this evening. The programme is as follows:
Koyoon Tong ("B") v. V.R.C. Chung Wah v. S. & S. Home

MATCHES RE-ARRANGED
The match between K. L. Yong and C. Au, postponed from this evening, will be played on Friday next at Taikeo at 8 p.m.
The doubles semi-final tie, between M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho, of the Club de Recreio, and K. L. Yong and P. K. Hul, of the University, will now be played on Wednesday, March 29, at Taikeo at 8 p.m. instead of on Friday, March 31.

and Patriotic Day and I expect to see them crossing the wire in that position.

SELECTIONS MADE BY "CAPT. FOSTER"

My selections are as follows:

SHATAUKOK HANDICAP

Three Farthings
Zero
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DRAG HUNTERS' PLATE

March Brown
King's Parade
Clowner

BRISBANE HANDICAP

Spectrum
Spark Plug
Streamline

ST. JOHN CUP

Flybynight
Plain View
Royal Highness

HOBERT PLATE

Bruno
African Diamond
Schmetterling

SUBS' SCURRY

Avalon
National Service
Patriotic Day

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By Ernie Bushmiller

STARTING TIMES AT FANLING

The following are the starting times at Fanling for the week-end.

SATURDAY

Old Course
2.00 F. D. Hunter, Capt. Matthews.
2.04 W. Hewitt, J. H. Gaze.
2.08 C. C. Black, H. G. Sheldon.
2.12 E. C. Norris, J. K. Walker.
2.16 F. H. Stokes, Comdr. Holt.
2.40 I. P. Tamworth, T. Low.

SUNDAY

Old Course
0.10 S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison.
0.20 E. G. Fagiano, T. F. R. Waters.
0.24 A. B. Purves, R. Young.
0.28 J. H. Gaze, M. Wylie.
0.32 I. W. Shewan, D. J. Gilmore.
0.36 F. Gregory, A. T. Lay.
0.40 F. Groves, Stenersen.
0.44 W. N. A. Smalley, W. B. Hillier.
0.48 L. H. Cranmer, W. Mayhew.
0.52 R. J. Shirley, W. Sharp.
0.56 W. C. Shewan, J. Forbes.
1.00 H. H. Murray, R. A. Valentine.
1.04 J. W. Clague, P. E. Annis.
1.08 A. N. & C. A. A. Macfadyen.
1.12 H. Guinness, W. T. V. Wall.
1.16 C. H. D. Curtoys, R. M. M. King.
1.20 J. M. Pearson, W. S. E. James.
1.24 R. C. Stewart, A. K. Mackenzie.
1.28 E. A. Baker, E. A. Dompas.
1.32 R. C. Stewart, A. K. Mackenzie.
1.36 L. G. Baker, E. A. Dompas.
1.40 P. C. Jackson, A. A. Bremner.
1.44 E. Blahon, W. Woodward.
1.48 M. G. Carruthers, V. R. Gordon.
1.52 A. Sommerfelt, W. M. Barton.
1.56 R. C. Stewart, A. K. Mackenzie.
1.00 L. M. S. Lloyd, J. Lincker.
1.04 G. D. S. Thomson, J. L. C. Pearce.
1.08 G. D. S. Thomson, J. L. C. Pearce.
1.12 W. G. Farham, W. J. Kelly.

New Course

0.24 J. G. Colesworth, F. A. M. Elliott.
0.28 A. N. & C. A. A. Macfadyen.
0.32 J. S. Dunnett, R. S. Harrison.
0.36 Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Hillier.
0.40 Mrs. Shirley, Mrs. Sharp.
0.44 T. B. & T. A. Pearce.
0.48 Major Whitehead, F. S. Geldart.
0.52 F. D. Hunter, Capt. Matthews.
0.56 Comdr. & Mrs. Holt.
1.00 W. Bell, Mrs. R. Bell.
1.04 Mrs. W. Bell, Mrs. Lacon.

PONIES AUCTIONED AT VALLEY

Thirty-one ponies, Australian and China, were sold under the hammer at the Jockey Club paddock, Happy Valley, yesterday. The highest bid of the day was \$255 for Ranger, an Australian. The complete list was as follows:

A Testing Time, \$25, K. Necklem.
A Lovely Time, \$20, A. V. White.
The Giant Panda, not sold.
Ranger, \$255, Chanson Feng.
Eve Of Shyness, \$25, A. V. White.
Calmsmore, \$300, Y. M. Leo.
Helium, \$80, Dr. L. Reidy.
King's Worthy, \$65, S. W. Tang.
Maido, \$60, Sub. Lt. Lock, H.M.S. Diana.
Final Triumph, not sold.
Mongol, \$10, Capt. Whitehead.
Sports Gesture, \$75, S. W. Cheng.
Yue Yee, \$10, Mrs. Cooper.
Golden Arrow, \$75, K. Necklem.
Borrachito, \$65, Robert Chiu.
Yum Sing, not sold.
China Pony, \$15, H. S. Yung.
Labour Day, not sold.
Wood Nymph, not sold.
African Diamond, \$60, A. V. White.

Gold Tower, \$225, F. C. Ko.
High Tower, \$105, S. W. Cheng.
High Jump, \$25, J. C. Gill.
Alligator, \$100, G. Trevorton.
Mayfair Court, \$95, S. W. Cheng.
Hurricane, \$105, H. S. Yung.
Gordito, \$30, P. C. Yuen.
Danielle, \$35, Li Po-chun.
Mac's Second Adventure, \$15, T. H. G. Brayfield.
Hopefulleg, \$5, Mrs. Cooper.
Soldier of China, not sold.

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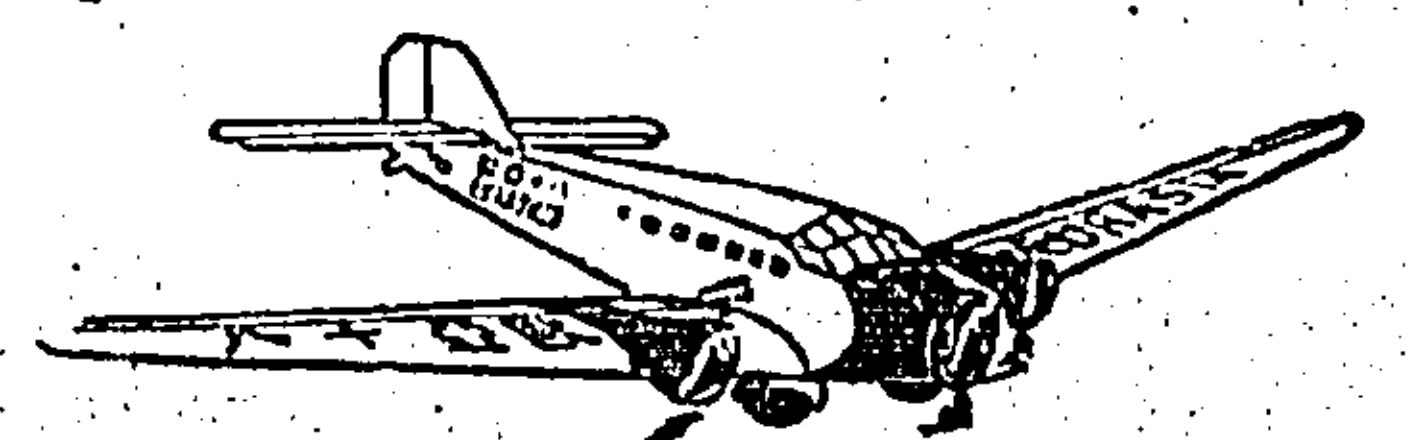
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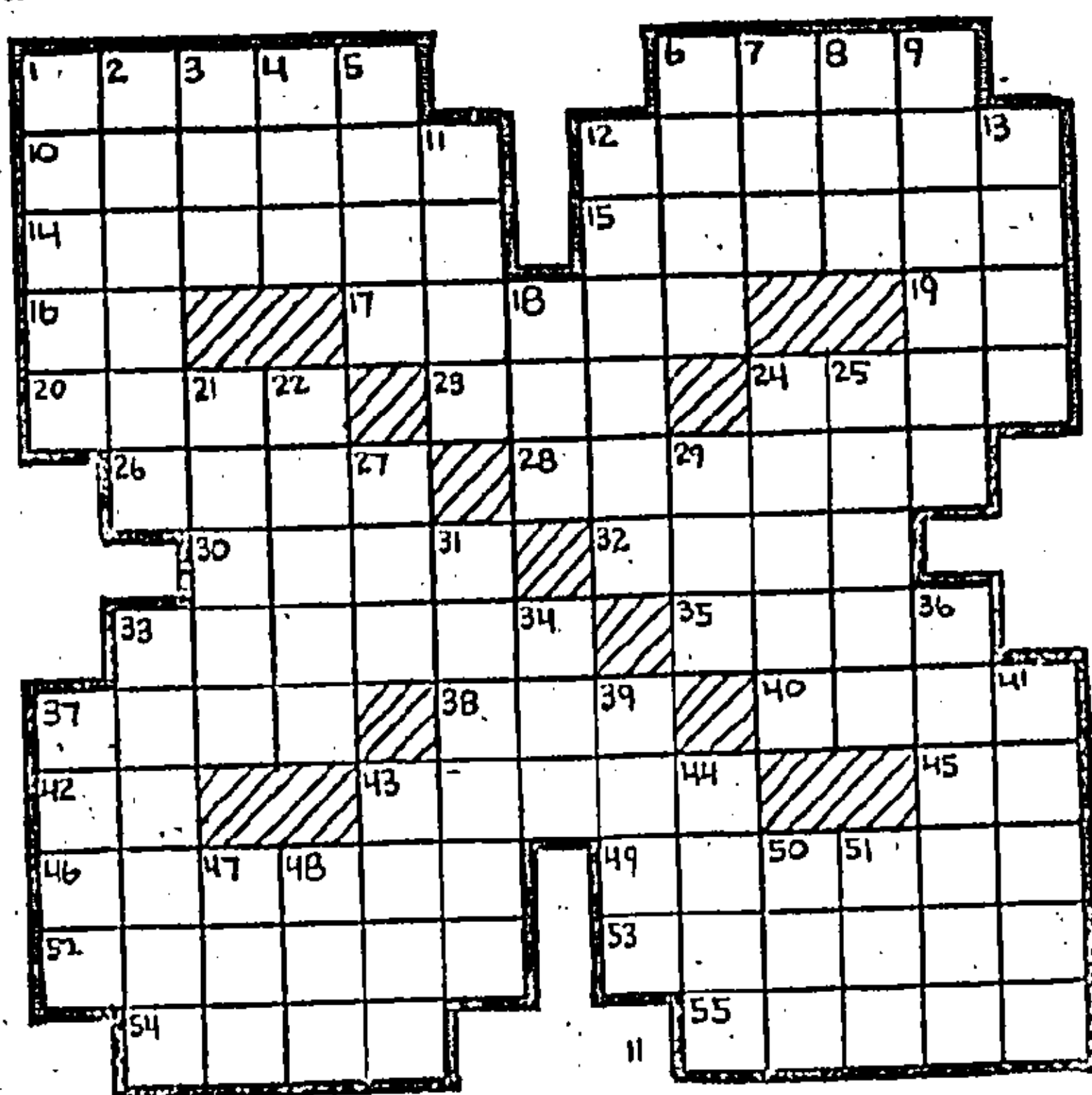
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1—Turn aside
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3—Buccal
4—Breach
5—Machinist's word for "quick"
6—Part of the 11th Amendment
7—Half an acre
8—Place
9—Place of neck
10—Waiting place
11—Tardy
12—Disembark
13—Moral science
14—Disturbing dot
15—Place
16—Highway
17—Place
18—Flower
19—Exactly suitable
20—Emperor of Russia
21—Three-fold sixth
22—Emperor of Japan
23—Place
24—Place
25—Union of Socialist Soviet Republics
26—Place
27—Place

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FASHIONS have never been greater fun than they are this spring. In the evening we are all going in for fancy dress, and, what is more, we are getting used to it; in the daytime we swing along in little-girl frocks, so gay and youthful, with their wide skirts and closely-fitting little bodices.

Funny part of it—most of our little-girl frocks are a type of fancy dress, too.

Don't misunderstand me, by fancy dress I don't mean anything extraordinary or only fit for costume dances. For the true interpretation of the term "fancy dress" is really a style which has made history in the past but which has now gone out of fashion.

But this season many period styles are highlights of fashion again.

MOST popular daytime fashions of the moment, as you know, are modifications of the various picturesque peasant styles worn in parts of Normandy, Brittany, Italy and in Central Europe generally.

And I can't help thinking that all the little peasant girls who still keep to their traditional costume must be very proud to think that smart women are copying their frocks to-day.

LOOK, for instance, at the charming peasant frock shown in the sketch and compare it with the original peasant style shown in the background. Haven't they many points in common?

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THE other frock is most becoming, graceful and unique. The style is a craze of the moment in the States. It is cut all in one with a belt at the waist to regulate the fullness, and a modified cowl neckline. You can see its inspiration in the background—the habit of a monk.

Very popular this Spring are lovely print frocks in an all-over floral design, and in the most glorious colorings.

SHORT CUTS

The flesh of fish will remain white and firm in boiling if a tablespoon of vinegar is added to the water.

Do not use abrasives in cleaning the refrigerator. Use mild soap and warm water. A solution of bicarbonate of soda in warm water will sweeten the atmosphere inside the box.

Useful Hints

To prevent lumps in gravy, add a pinch of salt to the flour used for thickening before mixing it with water.

When scrambling eggs, add a little dry, ready-to-serve cereal to the batter for larger portions and an improved flavour.

Place a Turkish towel over the table end of the sewing machine when sewing on silk material. It will keep the silk from slipping.

BEEES GET BEACH VACATION

Sydney, Australia. Seaside vacations for overworked bees have been adopted in Australia. As a result of dry conditions which caused the collapse of some apiaries, millions of bees are now being transferred to the seaside at Rosebud for recuperation. They seem to enjoy the seaside air.



You can see the story behind these two frocks in their actual background. The one on the left is one of the fashionable peasant styles, with a two-colour contrast on the bodice. The one on the right is of monkish inspiration. Both are typically 1939.—(Selfridge.)

Children Who Look Too Far Ahead

THERE are many children in our schools and nurseries who get little pleasure from what they are doing at the moment because of too great an anticipation of what lies ahead. Something went wrong evidently with the early home training of these young people. Or, perhaps, neither parents or nurses realised that small children can be taught to concentrate.

To arouse the concentrative habit we must first get a child's interest, and this can only be maintained for a relatively short time with young children. Play usually occupies much of a child's life before he is of school age and here, unless we provide too many toys, is an opportunity of getting a child to stick to one game at a time without worrying about what he is going to play afterwards.

Many modern nurseries contain so many playthings that the owner often discards the lot after a short interval and inquire, "What can I do next?" Children love change of occupation, but they must learn to persevere and concentrate, and the child who has acquired these habits before he goes to school stands a better chance of making good progress in scholastic endeavour.

To-morrow Can Take Care of Itself

Every young child should be encouraged to put his mind and efforts on what he is doing at the moment. To-day and now are all important. To-morrow should be left to take care of itself where young children are concerned, and yet many parents think otherwise.

Often new children at school know that they are only there for a short time, so they form a habit of not worrying too much about the school work they are to do in the meantime. It is unwise to tell a child that he is to leave a certain school next term or the term after, unless every home influence is brought to bear on impressing him to do his best at his present school.

A better plan is to allow a child to work without having to worry about the future. It is sufficient if

the teachers know of future movements of the child. Frequently a child's work deteriorates immediately he hears that he is leaving his present school. Often, quite unconsciously, the child is worried and anxious.

One day, certainly some years ahead, children will of necessity have to arrange fixtures ahead for themselves. But then they should be wiser than they are to-day. To-day we wish them to concentrate on the thing they should be doing at the moment and pay no attention to anything else. Only by this can they get the best out of work and play.

When they have learnt this excellent habit they can concentrate on the next activity.

Tiring of Toys

Perhaps you know a small boy who gets half a dozen toys out of his cupboard, plays with them for a few minutes, then pushes them on one side and returns to his cupboard for more. If you do, take him in hand. Put all the toys away except one he chooses for himself as the favourite, and lock the others away. Then try to become a boy yourself. Get down on the floor and show him the possibilities, still unfathomed by him, which the toy possesses. Perhaps he is tired of building castles with his bricks. Show him how to build a church.

When the church is completed and not before, encourage him to try to construct something else. An inventive child can do wonders with the box of bricks. Most children will need to develop the patience and concentration can be developed when parents take a lively interest in their children.

Any child who has acquired the habit of thinking of what he is doing at the moment, who can concentrate on one thing at a time and finish that before asking, "What can I do next?" is almost sure of success in later life.

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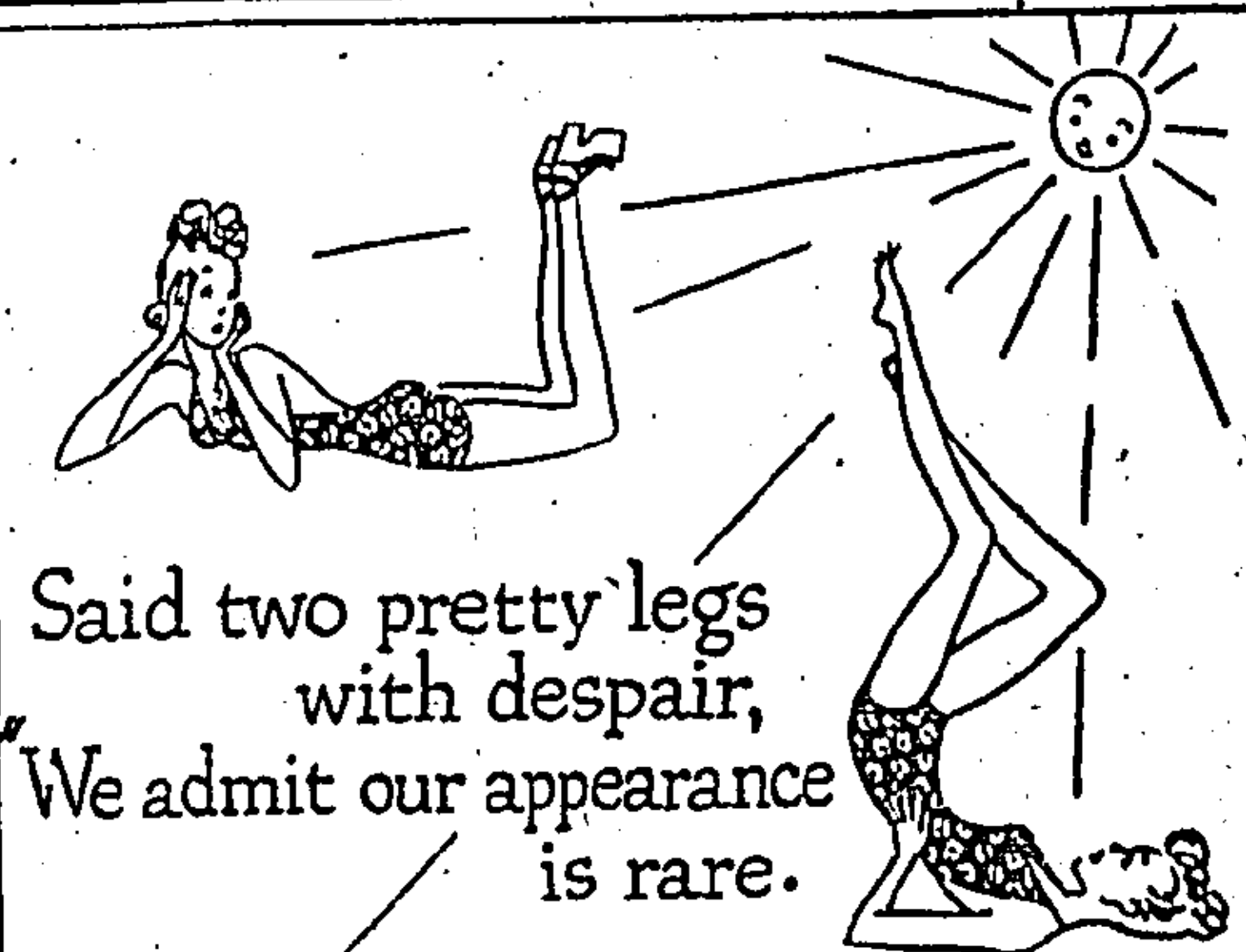
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LIFEBOAT A MASS OF TANGLED WRECKAGE

SEVEN MEN were drowned when the St. Ives lifeboat capsized off the Cornish coast recently. It had been launched in a terrific sea to go to the aid of an unknown vessel. William Freeman, the only survivor of the crew of eight, was washed ashore. Here is a page of pictures which show the lifeboat, the John and Sarah Elms Sych, high and dry on the Godrevy Rocks with its hull stove in and its superstructure a mass of tangled wreckage.

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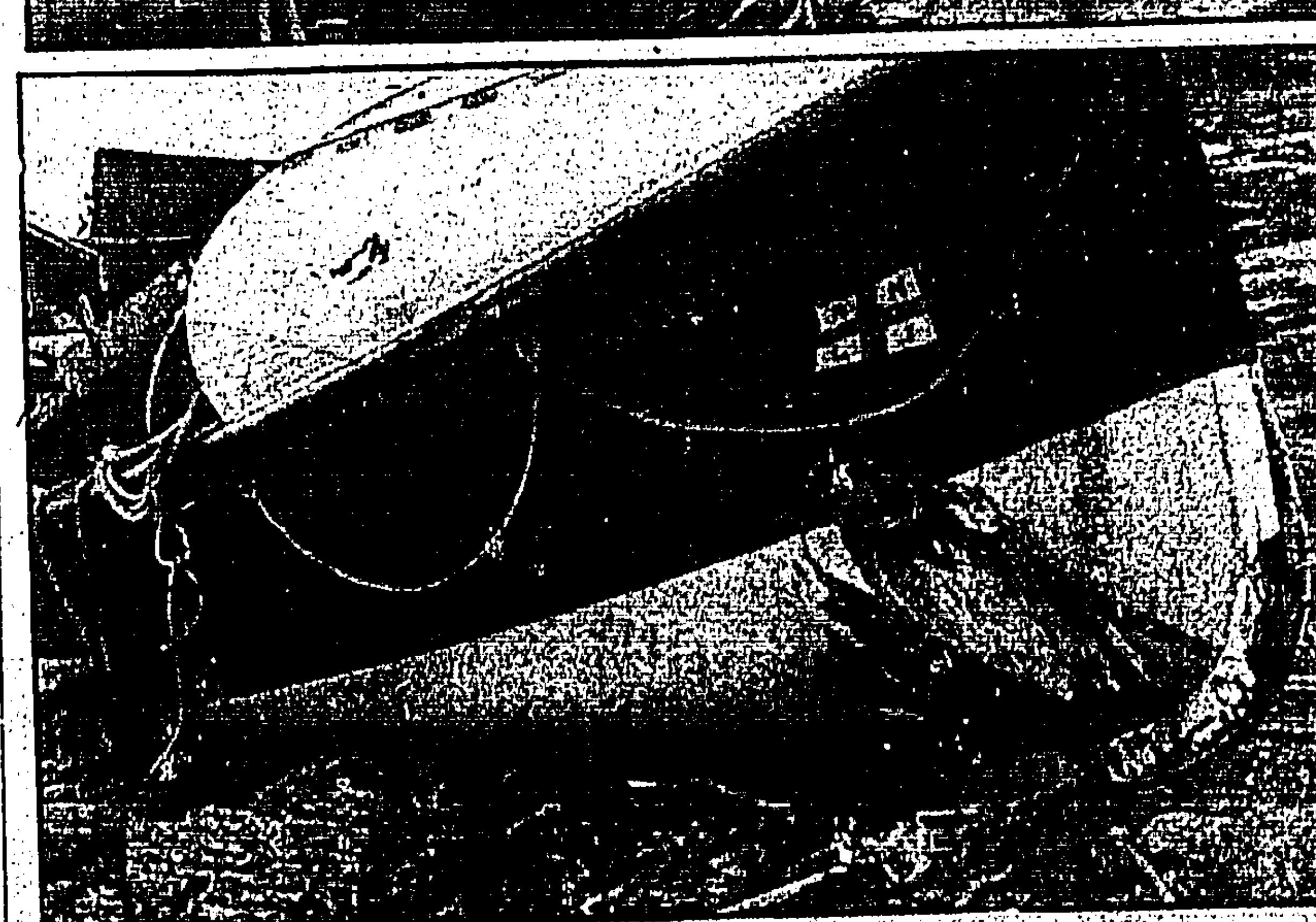
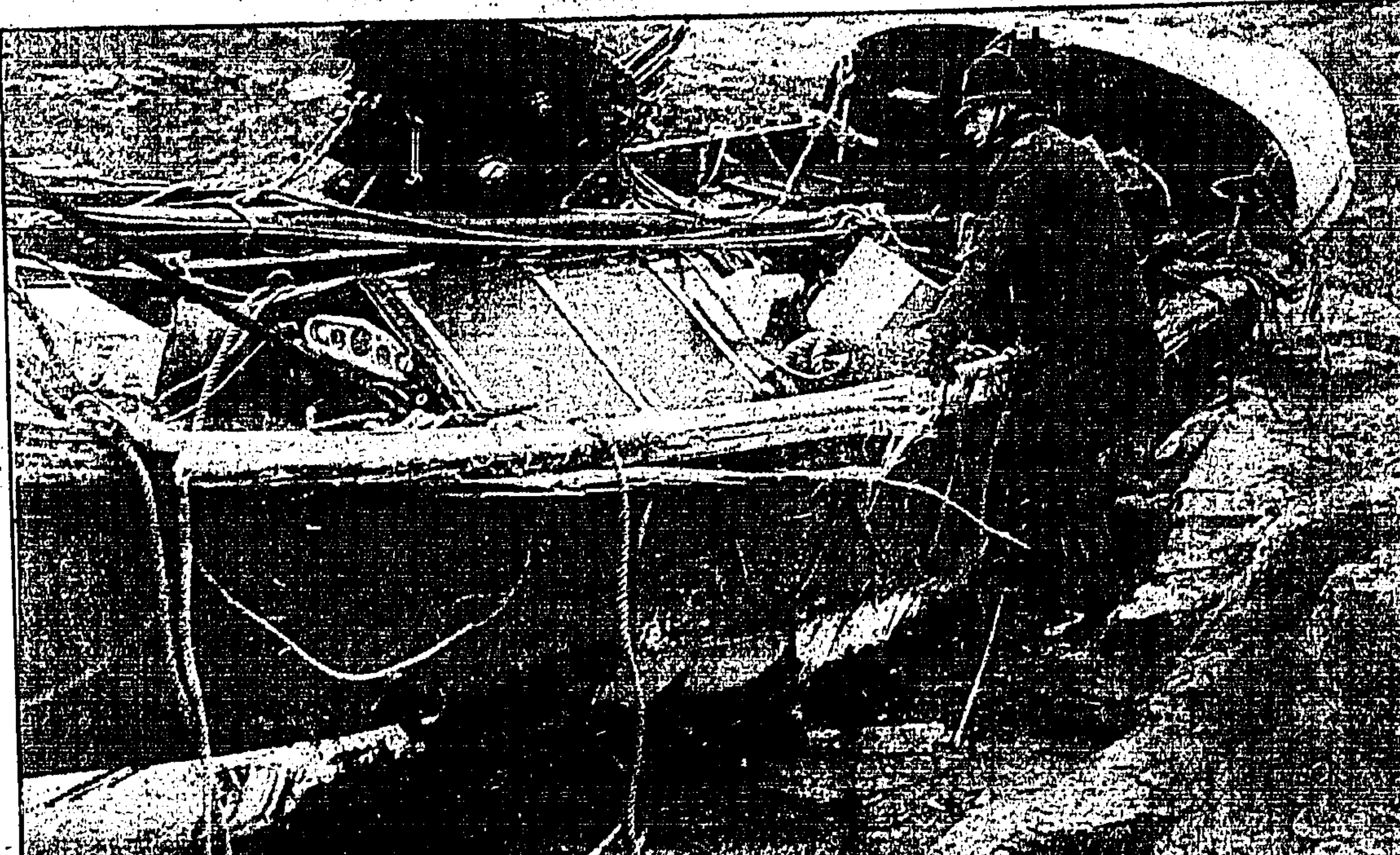
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"Mein Kampf" Has New Edition

London, Mar. 23. The first unabridged edition of Herr Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was published to-day by Hurst and Blackett. The book, which was translated by James Murphy, is sold at 8s. 6d. An abridged edition of "Mein Kampf" was published in London shortly after Hitler took over power, but had to be withdrawn three years ago at the request of the German publishers.—Trans-Ocean.

Social Items

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Andrew's Church Branch of the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday, March 28 commencing at 8.30 p.m. sharp. A talk will be given by the Rev. N. V. Halward on "Missionary and Medical Work in Canton."

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Mr. Henry Tardrew George Pearne, manager of the Victoria Radio Shoppe, and Miss Lily Chan, of 13 Caine Road, Hongkong. The witnesses were Messrs. H. W. A. C. McDonald and Sydney Chan.

The wedding also took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, of Mr. Tsui Yam-chuen, merchant, and Miss Wu Kit-ping, of 227 Temple Street, Kowloon. The witnesses were Mrs. Woo Sing and Mr. Yu Siu-ming.

The following forthcoming wedding are announced: Mr. Lin Tak-wai, rice merchant, and Miss Chan Kwan-yau, of 6 Prince's Terrace, Hongkong; and Mr. Tsui Ling-sheung, chief editor of the Tien Yuen Pao, and Miss Ho Lai-va, of 35 Rua de Manduco, Macao.

ARMY WEDDING

Capt. A. J. N. Warrack And Miss F. M. Sharp

The wedding took place yesterday at St. John's Cathedral between Captain Alexander John Noel Warrack, M.B., of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and Miss Florence Mary Sharp.

The bride is one of the twin daughters of Lieut.-Col. W. Sharp, O.B.E., and Mrs. Sharp, of Farnborough, Hants, England.

The bridegroom is the younger son of the late Col. J. S. Warrack, M.D. A.M.S., T.D., and Mrs. Warrack of Gravesend, Kent, England. He was commissioned into the Royal Army Medical Corps, and is now attached to the 1st Indian Medical Corps, under the duties of best man.

Later a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reeve, at 401, The Peak.

LATE NEWS

Nine Die In Plane Crash

Dalren, Mar. 24. A plane en route from Tientsin to Dalren yesterday morning, carrying nine passengers including a woman and a crew of three, crashed in the sea about half a mile off the coast midway between Port Arthur and Dalren.

All the occupants are believed to have been killed. The shattered remains of the machine, mail sacks and baggage was discovered on the bottom of the sea last night. A search for the bodies is proceeding.

No foreigners were aboard. The plane belonged to the Chungking Aviation Company. Engine trouble and bad weather are believed to be the cause of the disaster.—Reuter.

Jewels Recovered?

Jewellery to value of \$1,000 was taken in armed robbery at Mrs. Holmes' flat. It is believed that police have recovered loot.

Big Warship Dock Urged New York Facilities If Europe Bombed

Washington, Mar. 23. The Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Leahy, has sent a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, recommending that Congress should authorize Government aid to private interests for building a dry dock in New York harbour big enough to handle the largest United States and foreign naval vessels.

"In the case of a war in Europe, it is highly probable that dockyards in Europe will be heavily bombed, he said.

"It would be desirable to have in New York harbour a dock which

Better Sentiment On Stock Exchange

London, Mar. 23. A respite from unfavourable European developments caused a generally better sentiment on the London Stock Exchange to-day, with prices steadily improving under the lead of gilt-edged holdings and Kaffirs.

Subsequently there was a general support. Among commodities, metals were slightly firmer, with a rather brighter outlook.

The foreign exchanges were quiet and narrow apart from the Swiss franc, which, after considerable fluctuations, closed stronger. Wall Street was quietly firm.—Reuter Special.

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Admiral Leahy recommended that the Government should contribute \$3,500,000 of the estimated \$8,500,000 total cost.—United Press.

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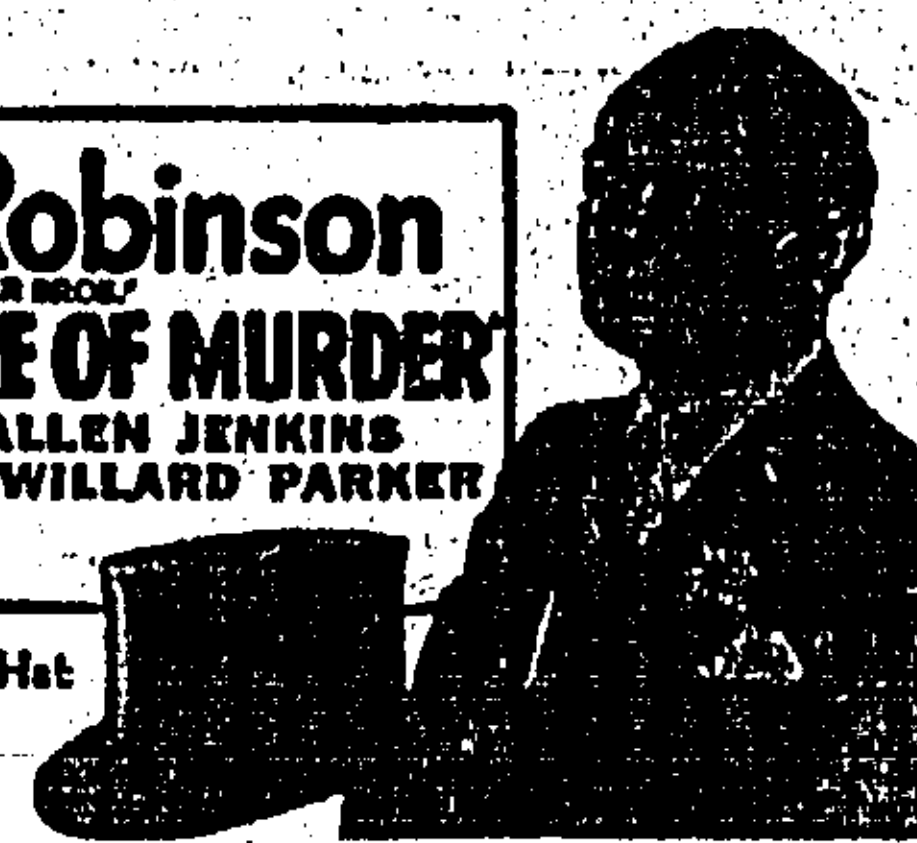
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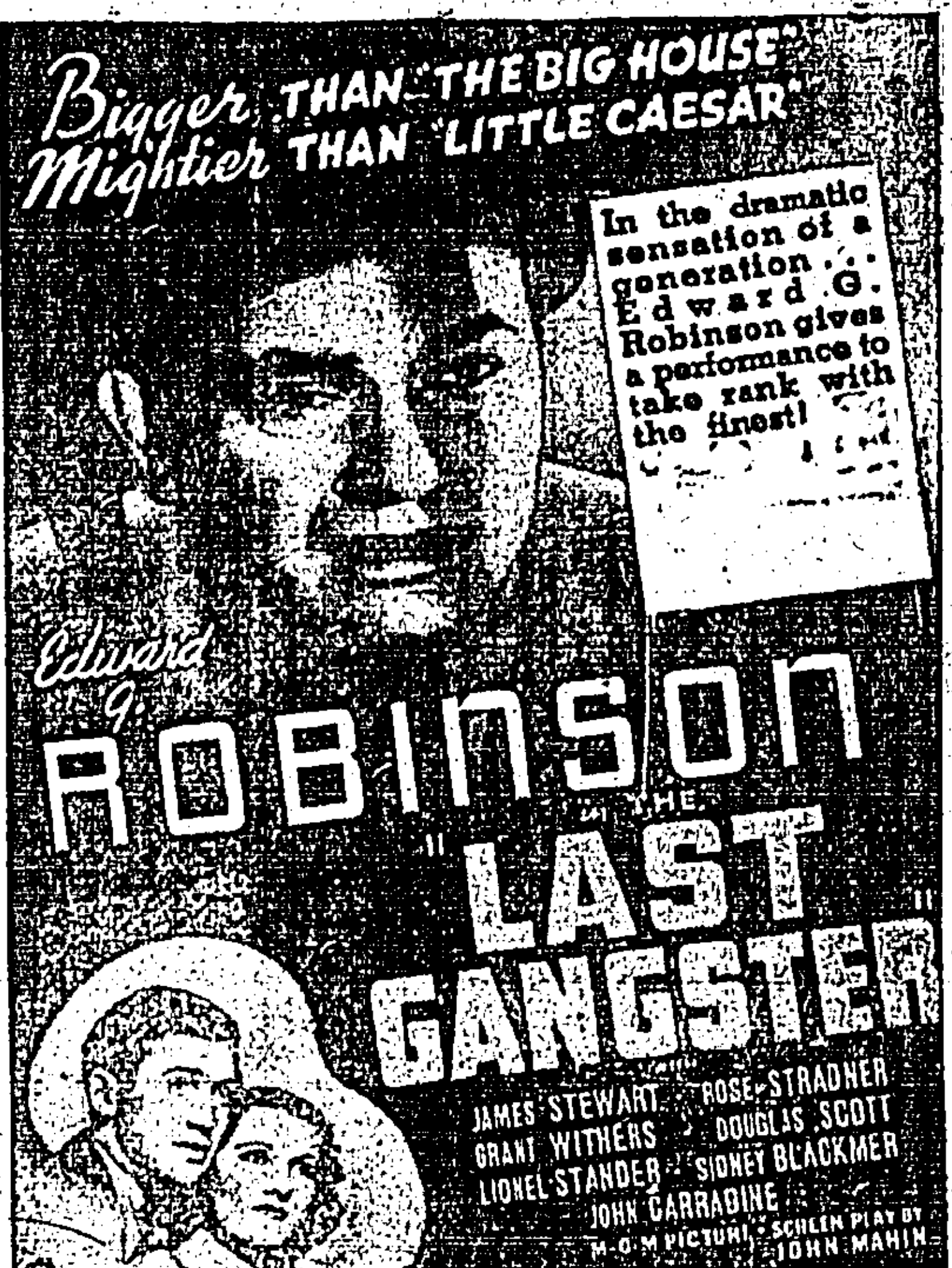


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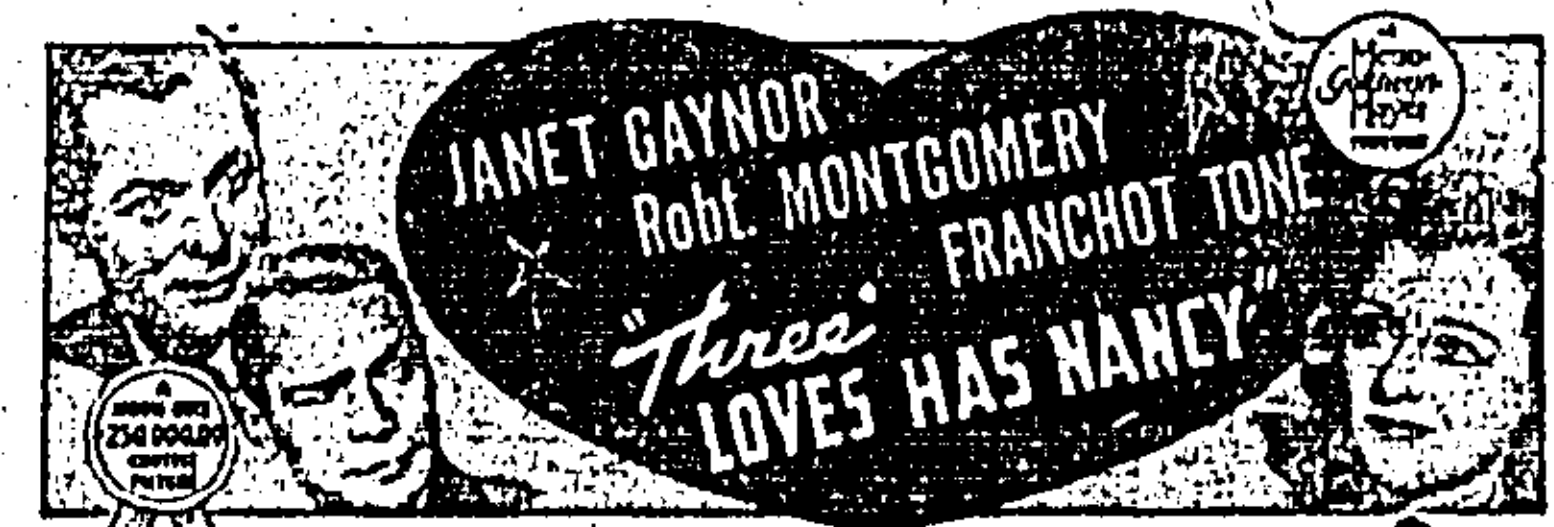
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Schuschnigg To Gain Freedom

Vienna, Mar. 23. It is expected that Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, former Austrian Chancellor, will be released in two or three weeks time.—Reuter Special. Street was deserted at time.—United Press.